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Shock of recognition

IT is inevitable that one should read with a kind of shocked recognition of the decision to deport "Black Hebrews" who overstay their tourists visas and make no secret of their determination to remain as immigrants.

The recognition is on two separate counts. We remember the "illegal" immigrants of the thirties and forties, and the tragedies and disasters that accompanied the exclusion and deportation of Jewish immigrants in those days by the Mandatory Government. That is the reason, of course, why the original Black Hebrews who arrived here in 1969 were well received and made welcome, receiving housing and full immigrants' benefits. Even at that time, they were informed that their claim to be Jews could not be accepted, and that they could not become immigrants under the Law of Return unless they converted to the Judaism to which the Law refers. However, the first 30 families or so to arrive were a personal success. They found jobs, got along with their neighbours, and appeared well on the way to acceptance despite the *halachic problems*. After all, there are other people with *halachic* problems in Israel.

The 70 families that followed a year or more later proved to be much more problematical. They stressed that they were "Hebrews" or "Israelites," not Jews and that, in fact, only Blacks could be real Hebrews because the Patriarchs, so they claimed, had been Black. Their denial of the rights of the Jews of Israel — because they were white" and thus usurpers — accompanied by threats, has been presented at intervals at gatherings to which only the foreign press is invited.

It did not take long for these claims to be taken up as an anti-Jewish gimmick by the WLS radio station in Chicago, which addresses itself in its Sunday night sermons to "Brother Sa-t," talks glibly of the coming "to root out the fraudulent Jews in Israel," and promises to hold tens of thousands more Hebrews to join their fellows in Jews to join their fellows in Dimona.

It scarcely needed a formation of 30 Dimona Hebrews to march on the local supermarket and fill their trolleys with several thousand pounds' worth of goods for which they refused to pay to produce the second stock of recognition: the black minority in the U.S., made militant by centuries of oppression and exploitation, has in this generation turned on its longtime enemy, the whites, and is fighting by whatever means come to hand for a better future whose nature they are themselves still quite unable to define. Until this image becomes clearer, there is little but terrible hostility to whites and the laws made by whites, as always applied against the underprivileged.

We may understand intellectually, that some U.S. Blacks want to turn away from a Christianity they feel failed them, to become militant Black Muslims and Black Hebrews, while Algeria will offer a refuge to Eldridge Cleaver, we do not give a haven here to a group that desires to fight a mythical battle against the white world. Whether the Jews themselves are white or not white is unimportant in this connection. Algeria welcomes a challenge to the Western world. We are generally in sympathy with it, and will not be involved against our will in a battle that is not of our making.

That is the essence of the tale of Black Hebrews.

BHUTTO: EAST INSEPARABLE FROM PAKISTAN

NEW DELHI. — Pakistan President Zulfikar Ali Bhutto declared last night, only hours after becoming leader of his country, that East Pakistan is an "inseparable and indissoluble" part of Pakistan.

The new president also announced that General Yahya Khan, who stepped down from the presidency in the face of widespread demonstrations following the military defeat by India, and five other generals had been retired from the armed forces. (One report said Yahya would leave for Iran, *but this was denied by one of his aides*).

"*A major portion of our country* today is under foreign occupation," Mr. Bhutto said in a nationwide radio broadcast, referring to the Indian defeat of the Pakistan army in East Pakistan.

But, he said to his countrymen in his first public speech after succeeding General Yahya, "Please do not lose heart. We will redeem this. We will take revenge."

Mr. Bhutto made a direct appeal to the people of East Pakistan "not to *forget*" the Western wing. "I appeal to them not to forget us, but to forgive us if they are angry."

The President gave no time limit for "redeeming" Pakistan's defeat, but he said in a statement directed to the nation's armed forces: "We will not rest for a moment till we have redeemed your honour."

In a 57-minute "heart-to-heart talk to my people," Mr. Bhutto announced he would soon form a "temporary cabinet," with himself holding the portfolios of defence and foreign affairs.

He also:

- *Pledged* to restore democracy — and not continue martial law "*not one day longer*, not one minute longer, not one second longer than necessary."
- Lifted the ban on a West Pakistani *provincial* political party, the National Awami Party, which emerged from last December's national and local elections as the largest party in two of the four provincial assemblies of West Pakistan. The party, outlawed last month by Yahya, is not connected in any way with the East Pakistan Awami League of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.
- Announced a new constitution would be promulgated, but gave *no indication when it would be.*
- Named Lt. Gen. Gul Hassan Khan, *chief of the general staff*, as the new commander-in-chief of the Army, although Mr. Bhutto said he would remain a lieutenant general.

Mr. Bhutto, leader of the largest political party in West Pakistan, said Pakistan was facing the worst crisis of its history.

"We have to pick up the pieces, very small pieces, but we will make a new Pakistan, a prosperous and progressive Pakistan, free from exploitation," *Mr. Bhutto, who spoke* in English, said.

While Mr. Bhutto said he was prepared for negotiations on a settlement with East Pakistan — now recognized as Bangla Desh by India — he did not mention Sheikh Mujib, whose Awami League Party won 167 of 169 seats at stake in East Pakistan in the National Assembly elections last year.

The Sheikh is said to be still in prison in Pakistan following his trial as a traitor.

Mr. Bhutto said he was prepared for talks within a united Pakistan, though that could be a loose arrangement. There was only one condition — "Indian troops must vacate my motherland. Indian troops must vacate East Pakistan."

"East Pakistan is an inseparable *and indissoluble part of Pakistan*," he said. "Moslem Bengal will always be part of Pakistan. We will see that Moslem Bengal remains part of Pakistan." *(AP, Reuter)*

India knows nothing of Israel ties

NEW DELHI (UPI). — The official *Foreign Ministry spokesman* said here yesterday that he knew nothing of any move to upgrade Indian relations with Israel to ambassadorial level.

(The report was carried by Agence France Presse from New Delhi on Sunday).

"I haven't heard of that," spokesman S.K. Singh told a news briefing. But he did not rule out the possibility of a change of relations.

Israel has a consulate in Bombay but no official diplomatic representation in New Delhi.

Jordan officials said threatened

BEIRUT. — Three Jordanian senior officials have received threats against their lives from unknown persons, and a fourth has cancelled a visit to the United Nations out of fear for his life, the Iraqi News Agency said yesterday.

No confirmation of the agency report, *which was datelined* Beirut, was available from any other source.

In London, police investigating the attempted assassination last week of Jordan's Ambassador, said yesterday they had taken out a warrant for the arrest of an Algerian, named as Frazeh Khelfa, also known as Khelfa Sahe, aged between 25 and 30. But it was believed that the man has already left Britain. *(UPI, Reuter)*

Seen at the Suez Canal yesterday are, *left to right*, Aluf David Elazar, Defence Minister Moshe Dayan, Aluf Dan Laner, commander of armoured forces in Sinai, and Aluf Ariel Sharon, O.C., Southern Command. During a tour of Sinai and Canal positions, Mr. Dayan was also accompanied by the O.C. Air Force, Aluf Mordechai Hod, and the O.C. Armoured Corps, Aluf Avraham Adan.

Sadat calls joint session for decision

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter

Egyptian President Anwar Sadat has called a joint meeting of the People's Council (parliament) and the Central Committee of the Arab Socialist Union, Egypt's only political party, on Thursday, apparently to endorse Cairo's planned course of action in the Middle East conflict.

The unprecedented joint session, *which* according to the semi-official "Al-Ahram" will be held behind closed doors, is expected to wind up the series of top-level meetings through which Sadat is seeking to shape up Egypt's position towards the crisis before the end of the year.

Sadat's declared position that there is "no alternative to battle" was believed to have been endorsed *earlier in the month* by the A.S.U. Central Committee, which is the country's highest policy-making body. This position, however, was also discussed by other bodies, including the National Security Council, which met Sunday in utmost secrecy.

So far there has been no indication of the extent to which the Egyptian hierarchy is united on the assessment of Egypt's *final* position. But this is likely to be determined at Thursday's *top-level meeting* which will be addressed, in addition to Sadat, by Premier Mahmoud Fawzi, Foreign Minister Mahmoud Riad, War Minister General Mohammed Ahmed Sadek and Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Dr. Murad Ghaleb who was his country's ambassador to Moscow.

With most Middle East observers ruling out the possibility of Sadat's resumption of full-scale hostilities, the Egyptian President might well be expected to think twice before resuming even a limited shooting war across the Suez Canal.

But in view of the pressure of time under which Sadat has placed *himself by pledging to decide the Middle* East crisis within the next ten days, he can be expected to embark on some kind of venture. At present Sadat's only way out from his war commitments towards his nation and army seems to be a declaration that he has decided to resume the fighting, but that the timing wil be decided in the future in accordance with Egypt's security interests.

Meanwhile, Sadat's future strategic moves are scheduled to be coordinated with the heads of Syria and Libya, Hafez al-Assad and Mu'ammer al-Gaddafi, both of whom are due to arrive in Cairo tomorrow.

The Syrians, who were reported yesterday to be stepping up defensive measures around Damascus, which is at combat distance from the Israeli forces, have been cautious over the immediate resumption of Middle East hostilities. At *least they seemed to be more so* than the Libyans, who, on realizing *the true feeling in Cairo and Damascus* may prefer to throw all of their weight on an immediate confrontation with Jordan's regime. The Amman Government is looked upon as the scapegoat for the Arab failure to coordinate their efforts in building up their front around Israel. Jordan thus is likely to be the immediate focal point in the Arab arena.

LONDON REPORT: Sadat to begin shooting war

LONDON (Reuter). — President *Sadat of Egypt has decided to* resume the shooting war against Israel, the "Daily Telegraph" reported here yesterday.

The newspaper's correspondent in Beirut said President Sadat's decision was announced at a meeting of the Egyptian Security Council on Sunday night and will probably be made public within a few days.

The "Telegraph" said that although President Sadat has chosen war, his aim will be to ensure that it is a limited one. The report said that some sources in Cairo felt that the Egyptians would resume daily artillery barrages and air strikes across the Suez Canal.

U.S. sees no danger of major M.E. war

By SAM LIPSKI, Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON.—American officials remain confident that there will not be a major outbreak of hostilities in the near future between Egypt and Israel despite reports from Cairo and other Arab capitals that President Sadat's government has decided to resume fighting. Egyptian Foreign Minister Mahmoud Riad is said to have assured senior American officials in recent days that Sadat would not take any large-scale military action.

At the same time the Americans do not rule out the possibility that limited skirmishing could be resumed as part of the Sadat strategy to keep the pressure on Washington which he expects to turn to push Israel towards a settlement acceptable to Cairo.

Military analysts say there are no reports of unusual troop movements or mobilization efforts on either side which would lend credence to reports of another war breaking out before the end of the year. The main intent of President Sadat's *political moves* — calling the national security council meeting and a special *session of the* Egyptian Parliament — is seen as a way of bringing pressure to bear on Washington to raise the Middle East higher on its list of concerns.

The India-Pakistan war, the devaluation of the dollar, the summit meetings between President Nixon and the leaders of Europe and Japan, the forthcoming visits to Peking and later to Moscow, have all tended to reduce the sense of urgency felt in Washington about the Middle East.

EVERY MEANS

American officials believe President Sadat has been using every means short of the military — press interviews, the U.N. debate, and bellicose speeches — to restore it.

For their part, American officials are *continuing to pin their hopes* on an interim settlement preceded by "close proximity" talks. A State Department official said yesterday there was no new movement to report on the quest for such talks. Secretary of State William Rogers had spoken last Friday by telephone to Israel's Foreign Minister Abba Eban and Egyptian Foreign Minister Mahmoud Riad in New York.

The conversations reportedly dealt with the prospects for a resumption of discussions about an interim settlement early in the new year. Israeli sources in Washington say that Israel is still waiting for formal replies to its requests for clarification on the three basic points raised before Mrs. Golda Meir came to Washington:

BASIC POINTS

The U.S. position on additional Phantoms for Israel, the role the U.S. expected to play in the "Hotel Waldorf" or "close-proximity" talks, and an assurance that the U.S. would not anticipate the outcome of any negotiations by maintaining its public insistence on the six points outlined by Mr. Rogers in October.

Ambassador Yitzhak Rabin lunched privately with Assistant Secretary Joseph Sisco last Friday and raised Israel's request for formal clarification on these points. The Americans take the view that President Nixon and Mr. Rogers made the U.S. position as clear as it can be made during Mrs. Meir's visit.

Apparently, Israel is asking for the clarifications in direct, written form, before it is prepared to commit itself to the close-proximity talks.

Despite the expressions of disillusionment with the American role which have been made in recent weeks by President Sadat, contacts between Egyptian and U.S. diplomats in New York and Washington are continuing on a regular basis.

No reply to Jarring

By YA'ACOV REUEL
Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent

There is no present indication that Israel will grant Dr. Jarring the "positive" reply to his paper he has been asking for or that the U.S., which has counselled Israel to make some such gesture, expects it to follow the advice.

American efforts will, therefore, centre on an "interim accord" for the reopening of the Suez Canal.

While the U.S. is reported willing to give assurances that it will not play any independent role in the negotiations, it will be seeking new "constructive" Israeli proposals to *push the talks off dead centre.*

Consultations on the Israeli position will be held in Jerusalem early in January, with the participation of Ambassador Yitzhak Rabin, who is due here January 4 for his father's shloshim (thirtieth day after his death).

Government sources in Jerusalem expressed the hope yesterday that the U.S. "clarifications," when received, would be in the spirit of the discussions held by Prime Minister Golda Meir, President Nixon and Secretary of State William Rogers in Washington earlier this month.

Those discussions focused, the sources stressed, on the basic issues in the relations between Israel and the U.S. — maintenance of the regional balance of arms, clearing of the channels of communications between the two Governments, the possible effect of the summit meeting scheduled between Mr. Nixon and Soviet leaders in Moscow next May, and overall cooperation in the achievement of peace.

While certain expectations had been raised here in the wake of Mrs. Meir's *discussions* — for example, regarding the status of the "six point" Rogers programme in any future round of Suez talks — the Israel Government wanted the American position clearly spelled out, in writing, as clearly promised by the U.S.

The "clarifications" are awaited here sometime early in January — after the New Year's recess, the expiration of President Sadat's year-end war deadline, Mr. Nixon's return to Washington from a round of conversations with world leaders abroad, and, for that matter, after the selection of a new Secretary-General for the U.N.

The new Secretary-General, who is not expected to be Dr. Gunnar Jarring, should decide whether or not to keep the Swedish Ambassador to Moscow as his "special representative" to the Middle East. Dr. Jarring himself, apparently confident of his continuation in office, has already made it official that he would be available in New York early in January for a possible renewal of the talks under his auspices — on the basis of his February 8 memorandum.

EBAN IN LONDON

LONDON (AFP). — Israeli Foreign Minister Abba Eban arrived in London yesterday for a one-day private visit before returning to Israel. He flew to London from the U.S.

Nablus municipality to boycott election

By ANAN SAFADI
Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter

The mayor and city councillors of *Nablus last night decided to boycott* the municipal elections which were authorized throughout the West Bank. The municipality's decision came 24 hours after the Israel military authorities set March 28 as the date for elections in Nablus and nine other towns in Samaria.

The Jerusalem Post learned last night that the mayors and councillors in Jenin and Tulkarm are planning to take a similar decision.

The impact of the decision on the population of Nablus was still unclear last night, although in Jenin and Tulkarm new candidates were reported *to be preparing* their election lists.

The mayors of Nablus and Tulkarm yesterday conferred in their offices with the Judea and Samaria Commander, Tat-Aluf Rafael Vardi, who explained that by authorizing the new elections the authorities had no political aims and were merely providing the population *with the right to elect representatives* to replace the present councils, *whose terms of office expired* four years ago.

While reportedly rejecting the mayors' consideration of Jordan's opposition to the elections, T/A Vardi was said to have reiterated that the authorities were determined to appoint military repre-

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Most money markets closed for adjustment

LONDON. — Foreign exchange *markets in many parts of the world*, including most of Western Europe and Japan, remained shut yesterday as bankers, dealers and industrialists adjusted to the currency realignment package agreed on by the Group of Ten leading industrial nations.

Under the accord, the U.S. agreed to raise the price of gold from $35 to $38 an ounce, devalue the dollar by 7.9 per cent and *lift the 10 per* cent import surcharge and "Buy *American*" tax incentives to business introduced by President Nixon last August 15 *to protect the U.S.* economy. The President signed a *proclamation* removing the surcharge yesterday.

Most foreign exchange markets in Europe remained closed. Some countries had not yet decided at what level to peg the value of their currencies. A trickle of exchange trading went on in Belgium, Holland and Switzerland but did not put money prices to any real test.

Government bankers of the Scandinavian countries *were meeting to* discuss the new exchange value of their currencies in terms of the dollar and other currencies.

SWISS FRAME

The Swiss Government yesterday raised the value of the franc in relation to the dollar by 6.4 per cent to a new rate of 3.84 francs per dollar. The Government said, however, that the gold parity of the franc would remain unchanged.

The Soviet Foreign Trade Bank began charging an eight per cent commission on *dollar transactions* yesterday in a *de facto* realignment of the two currencies. Western experts said the official rate of exchange remained unchanged, and the commission was a hasty measure to cover the bank until higher authorities had decided what to do.

In Madrid, informed government sources said General Francisco Franco would meet with his Cabinet today to consider a new exchange rate for the Spanish peseta. But both the Greek and Jordanian Governments announced that they had decided to maintain unchanged the value of their currencies in relation to the dollar.

Austria will adjust its schilling exchange rate with other currencies but will first await decisions taken by other countries, Finance Minister Hannes Androfch said.

Further afield in Africa, Uganda Finance Minister Emmanuel Wakhweya flew to Dar-es-Salaam to meet his opposite number from Kenya and Tanzania to discuss the dollar devaluation. *(Reuter, UPI, AP)*

Nixon removes U.S. surtax

HAMILTON, Bermuda. — President Nixon *announced he had signed a* proclamation removing the U.S. 10 per cent *surtax*, shortly after beginning his talks with British Prime Minister Edward Heath here. He said the action would clear the way for wider talks on international trade.

Mr. Nixon was accompanied by Secretary of State William Rogers and Secretary of Treasury John Connally. He is to meet with Mr. Heath for two days.

Mr. Heath reacted warmly to the removal of the surcharge. In private, the British Prime Minister has referred constantly to the surcharge as "obnoxious."

Changes will test Israel exports

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Governor of the Bank of Israel, Mr. Moshe Zanbar, said yesterday that the *international foreign* exchange rates changes will have no immediate effect on Israel.

But he warned that increased *liberalization* of world trade and growing competition would pose "difficulties and challenges" for Israel's efforts to expand exports, principally in Europe, as well as regards price changes of imports from a number of *countries supplying* goods to Israel.

Mr. Zanbar, reporting to the Knesset Finance Committee, stressed the "extra *importance*" of wages and budget policy in the coming months. "*Uncontrolled developments* in this field will hamper Israel competitiveness and the possibility for absorbing rising costs which are not dependent on us."

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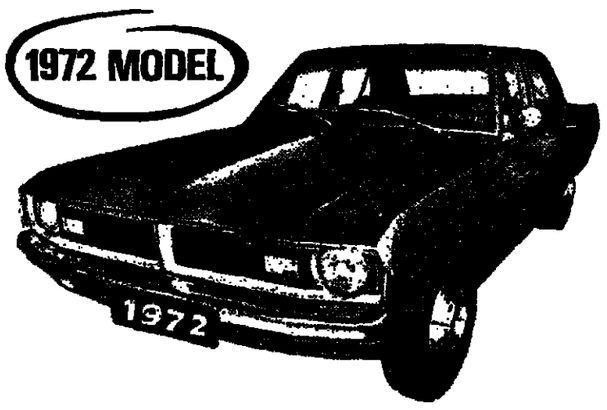
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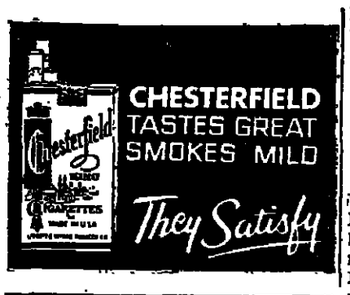

Social and Personal

President Zalman Shazar yesterday received Prime Minister Golda Meir. He also received Mr. Daniel Brick of Stockholm.

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Members of the Legal Committee of the Herzliya Youth Parliament yesterday called on Knesset Speaker Mr. Reuven Barkatt, who answered their questions regarding the workings of the Knesset.

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The outgoing Liberian Ambassador, Dr. Ernest Jerome Yancy, yesterday paid a farewell call on Supreme Court President Dr. Shimon Agranat.

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The President of the Israel-Ibero-American Institute for Cultural Relations and Mrs. Ya'acov Tsur last night gave a farewell reception for the outgoing Guatemalan Ambassador, Miss Francisca Fernandez Hall. Among the guests were all the Latin American envoys in Israel, the Spanish Consul-General in Jerusalem and senior Foreign Ministry officials.

On Sunday night, the Dominican Ambassador and Mrs. Jose Villanueva gave a farewell dinner in honour of Miss Hall at their Jerusalem residence. Among the guests were the Chairman of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee and Mrs. Haim Zadok, Mr. and Mrs. Ya'acov Tsur and the Director of the Foreign Ministry's Latin American Department and Mrs. Netanel Lorch.

The Guatemalan Ambassador was also the guest at a farewell dinner that was held on Friday night in Tel Aviv by the Columbia University Alumni Association at the home of Mrs. Ida Schleifer. The guests included the Ambassadors of the Philippines, Germany, Denmark and Switzerland.

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The Netherlands Ambassador, Mr. Gerrit Jan Jongejans, yesterday called on the Governor of the Bank of Israel, Mr. Moshe Zanbar. Mr. Zanbar yesterday also received a delegation of the Jerusalem Chamber of Commerce, headed by its president, Mr. Menashe Eliachar.

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Dr. Elwyn Smith, vice-president of Temple University in Philadelphia, and Dr. Donald Wilson, secretary for race relations at the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S., called yesterday on Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek. They are on a fact-finding mission to the Middle East, and have already visited a number of Arab countries.

15,000 Hanoi troops overrun strategic Jars plain in Laos

VIENTIANE. — About 15,000 North Vietnamese troops supported by tanks and an anti-aircraft regiment have overrun the strategic Plain of Jars in northern Laos, it was announced here yesterday.

Mr. Sisouk Nachampassak, Finance Minister in charge of the Laotian national defence, told reporters that the Communists launched an unprecedented attack on all government positions in the plain during the week-end. He said the North Vietnamese for the first time used 130-mm. artillery with a firing range of 25 kms.

Mr. Sisouk, who flew to the battle area on Sunday, said General Van Pao, commander of the Laotian Second Military Region, told him that the attackers fired 600 rounds of heavy artillery within 15 minutes.

Government troops fought all day long on Sunday but they had to evacuate almost all positions in the strategic plain about 150 kms. north of here, he added.

The Minister said the North Vietnamese lost 1,500 men killed and wounded. About 300 bodies were found on barbed wire at one single position. He described government losses as "very heavy," including two T-28 planes shot down by the Communist anti-aircraft regiment. Both the pilots were killed.

He said several American planes called in to help Laotian troops were also brought down. But he did not give the exact figure.

The only remaining government position is Muonghpan in the south-eastern edge of the plain, and is thought unlikely to hold out for long. All other bases including the former neutralist forces headquarters of Muongsuoi had been captured by the Communists. Prime Minister Prince Souvanna Phouma, who returned from an official visit to Malaysia yesterday morning, has called for an urgent meeting with Mr. Sisouk.

Meanwhile, an American aircraft attacked a radar site near Hanoi on Sunday in the closest air raid to the North Vietnamese capital since President Johnson ordered a bombing halt three years ago.

A U.S. military spokesman said in Saigon that an F-105 Thunderchief jet made the attack with an air-to-ground missile after it located the radar site while flying over Laos. The radar site was located 144 kms. west of Hanoi near the Laos and North Vietnamese border, the spokesman said. After the missile attack the radar site ceased functioning, indicating that it had been hit, the spokesman said.

This was the 98th time this year that American planes had attacked targets inside North Vietnam and was the latest incident in the stepped up air activity over Laos. The U.S. spokesman said previous attacks in North Vietnam had been more than 160 kms. from Hanoi.

On the ground, Communist-led forces marked Sunday's 25th anniversary of the start of the Indo-China war and yesterday's 11th anniversary of the founding of the National Liberation Front with increased attacks in South Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia. The U.S. spokesman said there was heavy fighting in the Plain of Jars where U.S. air strikes were increased to bolster beleaguered Laotian troops under heavy North Vietnamese attack, and on Cambodia's north-eastern front. Saigon was shelled for the first time in 2½ months.

The engagement over North Vietnam was the latest in a series of a suddenly escalating air war that could presage massive attacks by the U.S. to wipe out anti-aircraft defences including Mig bases.

American troop strength in Vietnam dropped by nearly 10,000 men last week — the biggest reduction for more than 18 months — the U.S. Military Command announced. A spokesman said there were 162,500 U.S. military personnel in Vietnam at present, which was the lowest total since October, 1965.

South Vietnamese President Nguyen Van Thieu announced yesterday Allied cease-fires throughout South Vietnam of 24 hours each for Christmas, New Year and the Lunar New Year in mid-February.

(Reuter, AP)

Four Phantoms shot down, U.S. admits

SAIGON (AP). — North Vietnamese anti-aircraft defences, apparently including Mig interceptors, shot down four American Phantom fighter-bombers over the week-end along the border with northern Laos in the biggest air engagement in at least four years, the U.S. Command disclosed yesterday.

Two of the eight crewmen aboard the Phantoms were rescued in a massive search operation involving scores of planes risking the threat of Mig and surface-to-air missile attacks. The other six were listed as missing.

The Command said three of the $2m. supersonic jets were shot down on Saturday and a fourth on Sunday while supporting Royal Laotian forces under heavy attack on the Plain of Jars.

U.S. Command spokesmen said that there were indications that one of the Phantoms — and possibly as many as three — were engaged by Soviet-built Mig interceptors firing either air-to-air missiles or their 20 mm. cannon.

The Command said the fourth Phantom was downed by anti-aircraft artillery fire, believed to be 37 mm. There were no indications anti anti-aircraft missiles were fired, spokesmen said.

Spokesmen said there have been more than 10 instances in recent weeks where Mig 19 and Mig 21 interceptors flew briefly into Laos, occasionally firing air-to-air missiles, including one at a B52 heavy bomber. No U.S. aircraft were reported hit in the previous engagements, however.

The first disclosure that the four Phantoms had been shot down was made by the Hanoi Government on Saturday, when the U.S. admitted two were lost.

Girl shot dead in Belfast

BELFAST (UPI). — A machine-gunner, hidden in a house where other guerrillas had bound and gagged the owner, opened fire on an army patrol in the Roman Catholic Crumlin Road of Belfast yesterday, killing a 20-year-old girl, the army said.

An Army spokesman said the man sprayed 10 rounds at the soldiers who had moved in to disperse a crowd of about 30 persons. The troops did not fire back, but rushing to the nearby house, found the owner bound and gagged in a back room. The girl, who was struck in the head by one bullet, was not immediately identified.

Her death brought to 204 the number killed during the past two years in Northern Ireland.

Earlier, a string of explosives smashed through shops jammed with Christmas shoppers in downtown Belfast, but "miraculously" causing few injuries, the army said. Security sources said they believed the violence marked the beginning of the promised Christmas offensive by the Irish Republican Army.

Devaluation gives Libya $150m. extra

TRIPOLI (Reuter). — Foreign oil companies' tax and royalty payments to the Libyan Government should increase automatically by about $150m. a year due to the dollar devaluation.

The oil companies, virtually all American, are required by Libyan law to pay their royalties in terms of the Libyan dinar, although they operate in dollars.

West Berlin City Cabinet director Ulrich Mueller, left, and East German State Secretary Guenter Kohrt, shake hands after signing wall passage agreement in East Berlin yesterday. (AP radiophoto)

East and West Berlin sign wall pass pact

BERLIN. — East and West Berlin signed a wall pass agreement yesterday that eventually will give West Berliners 30 visiting days a year in Communist-controlled East Germany.

The pact, signed in East Berlin, includes a section providing for exchange of about 100 acres of territory that provides direct access to West Berlin enclaves inside Eastern territory.

The agreement takes effect only after the four-power pact on Berlin is signed in final form by the U.S., Britain, France and the Soviet Union. That probably will be at least six months from now because the Soviet Union is expected to withhold its signature until the West German Bundestag ratifies the Soviet-West German non-aggression treaty in the spring.

In the meantime, West Berliners face a sixth consecutive Christmas without passes to go to the East. The East Germans at one time said they would issue Christmas wall passes for a month but later said they would not because the West Berliners made unacceptable demands.

Refugees who fled from East Germany after the wall went up on Aug. 13, 1961 were excluded from the benefits of the agreement.

Unless travel of 96 kms. or more is involved, the West Berliners must leave their cars at home.

A companion agreement on access to West Berlin was signed last Friday in Bonn.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Willy Stoph yesterday promised East Germans a higher living standard and more and better consumer goods — but warned them not to expect anything like a Western consumer society.

In a speech outlining the country's new economic five-year plan to the Volkskammer (parliament), he said: "The better life that we are striving for has nothing to do with a capitalist type of 'consumer society'."

By 1979 people will have more food and high-quality household equipment. Wages and bonuses will rise by an average of 4.1 per cent annually.

(AP, Reuter)

£206m. for Greek defence

ATHENS (Reuter). — Greece will spend about £206m. on defence in 1972 — about nine per cent more than this year and just under 18 per cent of the total 1972 budget.

The budget for 1972 was announced by Finance Minister Ioannis Coulis on November 29 but did not contain details on defence expenditure, which also covers internal public order and security.

According to figures released by Mr. Coulis yesterday, the Government has allocated about £121m. or 10.5 per cent of next year's budget for education. This is about 19 per cent more than this year.

Meanwhile, the Greek government yesterday set free all 69 deportees — including 12 Royalist officers — banished to remote villages as dangerous to public order and security.

Byron Stamatopoulos, Under-Secretary to the Prime Minister's Office, said their release honoured a pledge given on Saturday by Premier George Papadopoulos.

Hussein 'not afraid' of murder bid

BONN (Reuter). — King Hussein has told the West German magazine "Stern" he is not afraid of attempts on his life. Asked if he was afraid about being death candidate number one of the Black September organization, he told the magazine: "The murder lists which I head do not interest me. I have always been on some list or other. I have seen many critical hours through and survived many assassination attempts.

"Allah determines my time. Getting killed belongs to the risks of my job as a king," he added.

"Stern's" Amman correspondent, Walter Krause, noted in the interview that the Libyan leader, Colonel Muammar Gaddafi, had also called publicly for the King's murder.

King Hussein commented: "If Gaddafi utters such stupidities, one must ask about his sense. Although I am only a little older than Gaddafi, I have served the Arab cause for 20 years already. Gaddafi would do better to concentrate on the great deal of work to be done in Libya. His calls to murder me and my staff do not touch me. It does not interest me whether I enjoy his sympathy or not."

Asked why he "made war on Arabs by persecuting the Palestinian guerrillas," King Hussein said: "There should only be resistance where occupiers sit on Arab territory. We have nothing against resistance in occupied Palestine. But we shall never again permit Jordan's sovereignty, the security of its people and that of its army to be endangered. I would not dream of letting guerrillas make political dictates to me. Amman and Trans-Jordan are not occupied. What are the guerrillas doing here?"

He denied that the terrorists could speak for the Palestinians. "Ridiculous... how can half a dozen splintered organizations, partly ruled by criminals and fighting among themselves over radical ideologies, make this claim?"

He said, "The Jordanian nation knows my obligation to liberate the occupied homeland." The only way of legally doing this was to fight the case before the United Nations, the King said. "After liberation the Palestinians themselves should decide their future. However, this decision goes, I shall respect it."

Asked whether he would swing his country behind Egypt if Cairo decided on another war with Israel, King Hussein said: "We are always prepared to serve the Arab cause. We proved that in 1967. But too much is at stake this time. War should be the last of the possible means towards a solution. Perhaps Israel will force a war on us. Then we shall fight. But we shall not let ourselves be involved in a war adventure."

Mauthausen camp trials prepared

BONN (INA). — The West German attorney-general in Linz is preparing a trial against former S.S. leaders accused of murder in the Mauthausen concentration camps complex, it was revealed here yesterday. First to be put on trial will be the S.S. commander Hans Gogl, whose case will begin on April 4, 1972.

Gogl is accused of numerous murders committed in 1944 in Mauthausen and in the beginning of 1945 in the external camp of this complex — Ebensee. The prosecution will try to prove that Gogl committed several of these murders, not obeying orders, but rather out of "his free will and initiative."

Several additional cases are being prepared against the other S.S. leaders of Mauthausen who have been found. Likewise, the Linz attorney-general stated, trials are being prepared against S.S. leaders who were active in the Güsten area during World War Two.

Soviet backing India fully 'shocks Cairo'

By JACK MAURICE
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

PARIS. — The Soviet policy of backing India has shocked and embittered Egypt, according to Roland Delcour, correspondent of the French evening newspaper "Le Monde" in Cairo.

He wrote: "From information here it is clear that the Soviet Union, which has so freely used its United Nations veto to protect India, has absolutely no intention of committing herself in a similar way on behalf of Egypt."

The correspondent of "Le Monde" said that the Egyptian Government could not help but compare the efficient and all-out aid given to India by the Soviet Union and the qualified support given by Moscow to Cairo.

"The prudence of Moscow regarding the Middle East compared to its total commitment over India is too obvious for Egypt not to feel deep bitterness," Mr. Delcour reported.

He said that the Indo-Pakistan conflict was likely to lead to a new worsening of Russo-Egyptian relations after they had been re-established during the visit of President Sadat to Moscow last October.

On a short-term basis, it would lead to further misunderstandings between Egypt and Libya, he said.

Int'l phone satellite launched

CAPE KENNEDY. — A commercial communications satellite owned by 81 nations rocketed into space on Sunday night to open thousands of new telephone circuits between North America and Europe next month.

The 3,110-lbs. (1,410 kilo) Intelsat-4 spacecraft, representing a $29.5m. investment, took off at 8:10 p.m. on an Atlas Centaur rocket. It was the Cape's last launch of the year.

The satellite, shaped like a drum five metres tall, climbed toward a great egg-shaped orbit planned to reach 35,000 kms. high.

Another spacecraft Intelsat-4 is scheduled for launch on January 18.

In Moscow, Tass announced the Soviet Union launched a communications satellite yesterday that will be used for telephone, telegraph, radio and television links with the far north.

Called Molniya (Lightning), the satellite was lofted into an elliptical orbit with an apogee of 39,200 kms. in the northern hemisphere and a perigee of 490 kms. in the southern hemisphere.

(UPI, AP)

Policemen with shotguns capture liquor hijacker Fred Thomas as he descends from truck loaded with $50,000 worth of vodka on Major Deegan Expressway in the Bronx, New York, on Sunday. Police, acting on a tip that the truck would be hijacked from a transport yard, had a number 6 painted on its top. A police helicopter followed it after it left, leading to the hijacker's arrest. (AP radiophoto)

Sudanese V.P. leaves Peking

PEKING (Reuter). — Sudanese Vice-President and Defence Minister Khalid Hassan Abbas left here yesterday for home after a brief official visit to China during which he had talks with Premier Chou En-lai.

Diplomats present at the airport commented on the brevity of the visit which began last Thursday and ended without the Sudanese giving a banquet for the Chinese — a customary diplomatic event here recently.

At a state banquet last Friday to honour Major-General Abbas, the envoys of seven Communist countries and India walked out after Premier Chou strongly attacked Soviet backing for Indian "expansionism."

Yesterday, it was announced that China and Sudan have signed an agreement on economic and technical cooperation in Peking. No details of the agreement were given.

Italy drags through 18th vote

ROME (AP). — Parliament's non-election of a president of Italy dragged through its 18th deadlocked ballot yesterday with squabbling parties adamantly refusing even to propose compromise candidates. The majority of electors again abstained.

The only votes cast on this 12th day of balloting were by Communists and Socialists who stuck stubbornly to their candidate, Deputy Premier Francesco de Martino. He received only 402 votes, far short of the required majority of 505, and appeared to have no chance.

Italy's big Christian Democrat Party abstained for the 11th time, refusing to drop its official candidate, Senate President Amintore Fanfani.

It took 21 votes to elect Democratic Socialist Giuseppe Saragat as president seven years ago. That is the record, so far.

Kuwait calls off Iran mediation

KUWAIT (Reuter). — Kuwait has decided to discontinue mediation with Iran over its occupation of three Persian Gulf islands last month, the newspaper "Al-Siassa" reported here yesterday.

The newspaper said Kuwait would convey its decision to the Arab League "after all mediation efforts have been exhausted." The Arab League entrusted Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and Morocco two years ago to mediate with Iran over the disputed islands of Abu Musa and the Greater and Lesser Tunbs.

Moroccan deputy wants Jews out of government

RABAT, Morocco (AP). — The dwindling Jewish community of Morocco expressed its grave concern yesterday over a government deputy's demand that all Jews be fired from government jobs.

The deputy, Hilali Bouchaib, told the Moroccan Parliament last week that all Jews "should be removed from the Moroccan Administration on the grounds of corruption and trafficking in influence."

Morocco's Jewish community has shrunk to less than one-fourth of what it was under French colonial rule, but with some 30,000 members is still the largest Jewish community in any Arab country. A few Jews hold high positions in the Administration, and many others are influential in the nation's commerce and industry.

The committee of the Jewish community held an emergency meeting in Casablanca Sunday and decided to protest to Prime Minister Mohamed Karim Lamrani against Bouchaib's "racist proposal, an insult to the entire Jewish community of Morocco."

In a telegram to Mr. Lamrani, the community expressed its astonishment at the government's failure to reprimand Bouchaib, whose declaration, it said, had caused "very grave concern" among Morocco's Jews.

China denounces Soviet M.E. policy

HONGKONG (Reuter). — China yesterday mounted another verbal attack on the Soviet Union, denouncing the Russians for their role in the Arab-Israel confrontation.

A Radio Peking broadcast monitored here said when the Palestinian terrorists launched their resistance against Israel, the Soviet party newspaper, "Pravda," called them "the extremists." When the Jordanian troops suppressed these terrorists, the "Soviet social imperialists" took no action and even "colluded with the U.S. imperialists."

The Russians had occasionally given aid to the Arab countries but their generosity served their own purpose, the radio added. The Russians thought they could "hide their criminal plot with a little chicken feed," the radio said.

Muskie ahead of Kennedy in poll

WASHINGTON (Reuter). — Senator Edmund Muskie has overhauled Senator Edward Kennedy as the top Democratic election opponent of President Nixon, the Louis Harris survey said yesterday.

The poll, which appeared in the "Washington Post," said that in mid-November 43 per cent of those polled would have voted for President Nixon, 39 per cent for Senator Muskie and 11 per cent for Alabama Governor George Wallace. Only 37 per cent would have voted for Senator Kennedy, if he had been the Democratic candidate, compared with 45 per cent for Mr. Nixon.

An earlier poll, taken in September, put Mr. Nixon ahead of Senator Muskie by 47 per cent to 35 per cent and ahead of Senator Kennedy by 45 to 38 per cent.

Iran negotiating for British ships

LONDON (Reuter). — The Iranian Government is negotiating an order for warships with a British shipbuilding company, it was announced here yesterday.

A spokesman for the Yarrow Shipbuilders Company of Scotland said yesterday negotiations were in progress but it was still too early to talk of a contract.

According to a press report, the Iranian Navy has placed a £12m. order for warships, mainly frigates. The report also said that the Iranian Government had signed letters of intent for the purchase in Britain of 800 Chieftain tanks worth £100m., but this could not be immediately confirmed.

Air fares from Europe to Australia cut

GENEVA (UPI). — Air fares from Europe to Australia and New Zealand were cut by as much as 50 per cent yesterday for anyone staying away at least 45 days but not more than 120 days.

The new excursion rate on these routes was part of a package approved by airlines in negotiations at the International Air Transport Association (IATA). Normal first and economy class fares will go up by an average of 9.4 per cent, however.

The individual excursion fare for a minimum stay of 45 days and maximum 120 days will be £326.65 for a London to Sydney roundtrip in the basic season and £350 in the three-month peak season.

IATA also announced that all international air fares have been temporarily frozen at rates that existed before the revaluation of international currencies during the weekend. A meeting has been called for January 5 as a result of the financial shake-up.

Bed-ridden Grechko improves in Iraq

BAGHDAD (Reuter). — The condition of Marshal Andrei Grechko, the visiting Soviet Defence Minister who has been confined to bed since last Friday by influenza, has improved markedly, the official Iraq News Agency said yesterday.

It quoted medical sources for the report but did not say whether Marshal Grechko planned to return home or to continue his tour to Syria and Somalia.

Two Soviet hijackers return to Russia

ISTANBUL. — Two Soviet youths who hijacked a small aircraft a year ago and fled to Turkey returned home yesterday "of their own free will," a Turkish security official said.

He said Nikolai Ginlov, 20, and Vitaly Pozdeir, 21, were handed over to Russia after spending a year in Turkey fruitlessly trying to obtain immigration visas from a number of foreign missions in Turkey.

"They have been asked whether their decision to return was of their own free will and replied affirmatively," he said.

Mr. Ginlov and Mr. Pozdeir took over a twin-engine passenger airplane on a local flight in the Soviet Crimea, October 27, 1970, cutting across the Black Sea to Sinop, Turkey's northernmost town.

At that time the two, both technical institute students, said they wanted to escape "because we could no longer bear to live in the stranglehold regime of Soviet Russia." They spoke with enthusiasm about going to live and study in the U.S.

An American official yesterday denied that their applications for visas had been denied, saying, "All possibilities had not been exhausted."

A Soviet consular spokesman said Turkish authorities escorted the pair to Kars, on Turkey's frontier with the Soviet Union, where they were handed over to Soviet officials.

He said they would face criminal prosecution on their return but probably only on minor charges.

Two other Soviet plane hijackers, a Lithuanian father and son who forced an airliner from Russia to Trabzon on the Black Sea coast October 15, 1970, killing the stewardess and wounding two other crew members, are still in Turkey. The Turkish government has refused Russia's demands for extradition, but the two face trial in Turkey.

(UPI, AP)

103 North Koreans killed or captured

SEOUL (AP). — South Korea killed or captured 103 North Korean agents this year, the Defence Ministry announced yesterday. It said they were among 127 agents sent by North Korea into the South on known occasions during the past year.

South Korean casualties from the fights with the North Korean infiltrators were 31 soldiers, policemen, militiamen and civilians killed and 78 others wounded, it added.

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Photographs by Horst Faas and Michel Laurent show part of the sequence of Saturday's killings in Dacca. At left, Mukti Bahini stand over their victims, as all turn palms to heaven in Moslem prayer. Centre, Mukti Bahini in fur cap raises arm to beat one of the victims, as his comrades show obvious pleasure on their laughing faces. At right, one of the prisoners is kicked in the chin. (AP radiophotos)

Mukti Bahini's bloody revenge

Four members of the Razakars, local militia in East Pakistan, were publicly executed in a gory spectacle at Dacca's race course on Saturday. AP photographers HORST FAAS and MICHEL LAURENT were among a small group of Western newsmen who were present at the rally, and brought back this graphic report and the photographs above.

DACCA (AP). — Each time a soldier lunged forward to stab his bayonet into one of the four tortured men, the hiss of excitement could be heard from the crowd.

There was almost silence when the soldier turned and twisted the bayonet.

When he stepped back, withdrew his rifle and raised the gleaming steel high, dripping blood, the crowd responded with a guttural cry of "Jai Bangla" — victory of Bangla Desh.

Some 5,000 men and children witnessed the merciless, blood-curdling execution of four young men at the end of Bangla Desh's first public rally after the surrender of Pakistan's troops. None of the leaders of the Mukti Bahini, the military force of Bangla Desh, present at the rally, could explain specific charges against the four men.

"They are Razakars," said one, refering to the generally hated local militiamen who are known to have committed widespread murder, rape and looting under Pakistani command through the past nine bloody months.

On the morning of the execution day — Saturday — at Dacca's race course, the mass graves of several hundred men, mostly intellectuals — doctors, university professors and students — had been found near Dacca. All had been tortured and murdered in the last days before the Pakistani surrender.

The men, boys and Mukti Bahini soldiers who swarmed through the city toward the race course stadium for the rally, saw tortured dead almost everywhere. Some of the dead had just been murdered, with blood pumping from slit throats. Others were lying in the gutter, neglected by all but vultures and dogs.

According to Moslem custom, only men gathered for the rally beside the stadium. Mukti Bahini soldiers, dressed in an array of colourful uniforms, heavily armed and some wearing World War I British steel helmets, guarded the approaches to the speakers' stand.

The four tied men were dumped from a jeep beside the rostrum. While speakers harangued the crowd in the staccato Bengali language, no one paid any attention to the Razakars.

The tall, bearded Mukti Bahini officer, Abdul Kader Siddiqi, who later ordered the bayoneting with a move of a swagger stick, called on the demonstrators to preserve calm and discipline, and not to take the law into their own hands.

After the speeches a *mullah* — Moslem priest — led the crowd in prayer, evoking past sacrifices and pleading to Allah for a peaceful future for a free Bangla Desh. Many men and soldiers cried openly as they raised their hands, holding their palms toward heaven.

It was during the prayers that the ordeal for the men began. Unable to raise their tied hands to proper praying positions they were abused by a few soldiers. One pulled their hair, and they were kicked and cracked on the head with rifle butts.

More and more blows came. They were beaten with clubs. A cheering crowd had to be beaten back with sticks by some of the torturers.

The victims showed their fear as they whimpered under ever more blows.

A tall, slim man in a fancy black uniform and fur cap selected one prisoner, positioned himself carefully over him and then delivered cracking karate blows at the head and genitals of his victim. He dragged up another prisoner and sent him flying into the crowd with a knee into the abdomen.

The beating went on for about 30 minutes. The battered prisoners were still pleading for their lives, clinging to the legs and feet of their attackers.

Then the main speaker stepped from the rostrum and, as the crowd fell silent, he walked between the victims. He pointed his swagger stick. Two soldiers carefully fixed their bayonets. The first soldier leaned back, aimed his bayonet and stabbed the man who had been pointed out.

Then other soldiers joined in, all performing the same movement — one step back, leaning forward, one step back, leaning forward, one step forward and then stabbing.

After a brief pause they began to work on the other three men, methodically, quietly. All the noise came from the surrounding crowd. They stabbed in the chests but avoided the heart. Legs, abdomen, throat and face were other targets.

The stabbing was briefly interrupted when the self-styled "General," Abdul Kader Siddiqi, asked for a bayonet from one of the soldiers.

A Mukti Bahini soldier handed over his rifle and then propped up one of the bleeding men so the "General" could make some direct jabs into the chest.

One soldier fired a bullet from a submachinegun into the stomach of one of the men.

It went on for another 10 minutes. Then the soldiers wiped their bayonets, put them away and walked through the crowd to their vehicles.

The men still showed signs of life. A small boy, possibly a relative of one of the dying men, flung himself to the ground touching one man's head and lying beside him. The boy was at once kicked and beaten with rifle butts. As the crowd closed in on the dying men, the boy was trampled.

Never, during the whole incident, did anyone take note of the dozen or so Western newsmen who had come to cover a political rally and witnessed a killing.

Security Council deadlock may keep U.N. in session

The Security Council was due to meet late last night, Israel time, in a second attempt to find a successor to U.N. Secretary-General U Thant. But after Friday's session, in which every one of the candidates was vetoed by at least one of the Big Five powers, it seemed likely that no decision would be reached, and that the General Assembly would remain in session beyond its scheduled closing time to await a Council decision.

UNITED NATIONS (AP). — Interested diplomats say the Security Council may fail again tonight to choose a new Secretary-General in its second try in three days.

One told a reporter that the secret session, slated to start at 3.30 p.m. New York time (10.30 p.m. in Israel), "might not be the last day. It might be Tuesday."

Another predicted that the deadlock would persist even past today, necessitating the General Assembly's staying in session beyond its scheduled closing day and pushing the issue toward December 31, when Secretary-General U Thant retires.

The Assembly can appoint the new Secretary-General only after the Council recommends him, and for the Council's recommendation a candidate must get nine affirmative votes and escape a veto.

The second informant said that though some of the Council's 10 non-permanent members might change their votes, the five veto-holding permanent members probably would vote the same as last Friday — when every one of seven candidates was vetoed at least once. That would mean that every candidate who received the necessary nine-vote majority would be knocked out by a veto.

The permanent members — Britain, China, France, the Soviet Union and the U.S. — then would have to try again to agree among themselves on one man — something they have failed to do at repeated conferences in the last two weeks.

New list of nine

At their last conference on Saturday, informed diplomats said the five produced a new list of the nine candidates for the Council to vote on last night, with others proposed from the floor. The high votes were expected to go to the same four men that got the high votes on Friday — U.N. Ambassadors Kurt Waldheim of Austria and Max Jakobson of Finland; Felipe Herrera of Chile, former President of the Inter-American Bank; and Gunnar Jarring, Swedish Ambassador to Moscow and U.N. special representative to the Middle East.

The others on the new list were U.N. Ambassadors Carlos Ortiz de Rozas of Argentina; Nsanze Terence of Burundi; S.S. Ramphal, Minister of State of Guyana; Gabriel Valdes, former Foreign Minister of Chile; and U.N. Under-Secretary-General Issoufgu Saidou Djermakoye, from Niger.

Waldheim, Jakobson, Herrera and Jarring were on a first Big Five list of five, along with Prince Sadruddih Aga Khan of Iran, U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees. They were voted on at Friday's meeting, along with two candidates nominated from the floor — U.N. Ambassador Hamilton Shirley Amerasinghe of Ceylon and Minister of Communications Endalkachew Makonnen of Ethiopia.

Waldheim vote

Information that seeped through the secrecy was that only Waldheim got the necessary majority, and he was vetoed by two permanent members — on a vote of 10 for, 3 against and 2 abstaining.

The votes were reported to be 8 to 5, with 2 abstentions, on Jakobson; 7 to 5, with 3 abstentions, on Jarring; and 7 to 4, with 4 abstentions, on Herrera.

There was information or speculation that China voted against all candidates to test their strength, and that in addition Britain voted against Waldheim and Britain and the U.S. against Jarring because they favour Jakobson, while the Soviet Union voted against Jakobson because of Arab objections to his part-Jewish parentage, its own objections to his writings on Soviet diplomacy, and its fear that he would be too strong a Secretary-General.

There was a general impression that the U.S. must have voted against Herrera, since it had come out against him weeks before.

That meant every candidate was presumed to be in line for a veto in the showdown, because to win a candidate has to get at least nine affirmative votes and not be voted against by any permanent member.

Only Waldheim was actually vetoed, because only he got more than the necessary nine-vote majority. He had 10 votes in favour, 3 against, including 2 vetoes, and 2 abstentions. Vetoes were the only ones announced from the chair. The other six candidates all failed because they did not get nine votes.

But, the informants said, since nobody had won, the Council agreed not to eliminate any of the seven from the running. "Since all were dead," one diplomat observed, "all were still alive."

Before the Friday meeting, Thant was also on the original list. But he sent the Council a letter taking himself off.

Swedish moves

Jarring, on the other hand, left his name on the list. Diplomatic sources said Finland told the Swedish Foreign Ministry on Friday night that that would confuse voters who had understood that Jakobson was the only Nordic candidate.

The next day, the Ministry issued the statement saying Sweden had supported Jakobson's candidacy from the begining but noting that at Friday's Council meeting, Jarring's name "was also brought to the fore.

"In this connection," the statement said, "the Swedish Government wants to underline the self-evident fact that it has the fullest confidence in Ambassador Jarring."

Later, Swedish Foreign Minister Krisler Wickman issued an announcement over Swedish Radio that Sweden had confidence in Jarring "as Ambassador in Moscow and U.N. mediator."

The announcement said that did not mean Jarring was the Swedish candidate for Secretary-General.

China plans dual drive to counter Soviet gains

By JAMES PRINGLE

PEKING (Reuter). — China is seeking to counterattack the Soviet Union's recent, unexpected — and for Peking, most unwelcome — advances in Asia by a diplomatic thrust on two broad fronts, observers noted here this week.

One is against Soviet backing for Indian "expansionists" and Moscow's strategy in Asia. The other is against Soviet influence in the Middle East.

Diplomats here believe China's policy of mending fences and building bridges with most of its Asian neighbours has received an unforeseen setback with the creation of Bangla Desh, strongly backed by India.

Some diplomats here believe China had not anticipated that Pakistan's resistance to India would collapse so quickly. Other diplomats believed the Peking leadership anticipated that India would be deterred from military action in East Pakistan through the fact of separate Chinese and American support for the Islamabad government.

Senior Pakistani diplomats here have continued to praise China's support for Pakistan and said the Chinese did all they could have been expected to do during the brief and, for Pakistan, disastrous war.

Some other Pakistani sources here, however, have said privately that China's support was too little and too late. Stepped-up aid and strong verbal backing for Pakistan should have come earlier than it did, these sources say.

During the visit here in early November of Pakistani envoy Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, China declined to accede to the Pakistani delegation's wish for a joint communique. A strong communique spelling out forceful Peking backing for Pakistan might have deterred India, these sources say.

The scenario for the new Chinese offensive was set out last Friday in a strong speech by Premier Chou En-lai which resulted in a walkout by envoys from India and most Communist countries. Chou coupled his attack on Moscow's backing of India with a broadside on Soviet policy in the Middle East.

A signpost of Chinese pressure against Soviet influence in the Middle East came tellingly during a significant visit here by Sudanese Vice President Khalid Hassan Abbas and other Sudanese officials. In his speech, Abbas did not mince words about alleged Soviet involvement in the short-lived coup which briefly toppled the Numeiri government in Sudan last July.

The coup had been a perfidious conspiracy carried out by certain elements under leftist slogans "in close collusion with certain people in countries of the socialist camp," he said. China at the time was careful to stress its support for the Numeiri government, which it apparently now has as an ally to counter Soviet influence in the Middle East.

Observers also note that China, as a member of the U.N., now no longer needs to rely so much on Soviet backing. There has been an apparent deterioration of relations between Peking and Moscow since early September, and events during the last two weeks appear to have reduced relations to the least cordial level since the border conflict in early 1969.

'Time' calls for Jewish Jerusalem

NEW YORK (Reuter). — "Time" magazine in an editorial said on Sunday the proper political and religious solution to the problem of Jerusalem is to allow the city to remain in Israeli hands.

"Time" said Judaism and its heir, Israel, "have a commanding claim to Jerusalem." The magazine said the Israelis have done a good job administering the city and international control is "an uncertain remedy at best."

"The most workable solution for Jerusalem — even though now unacceptable to Egypt and its allies — would be to leave it in Israeli hands but to make allowance for the eventual rights of Palestinian Arabs. Even Arab leaders in occupied Jordan acknowledge that Mayor Teddy Kollek's supervision of the annexed territory has been generally benevolent and progressive," the magazine said.

"Time" said that while other religions also have a spiritual claim to Jerusalem — their spiritual guidance and [illegible] flow from elsewhere. "For the Jews, however, Jerusalem is their central shrine, [illegible] their past, and fulfilment as the chosen people [illegible]. There are many Jerusalems [illegible] in Israel [illegible] the continuity and [illegible] of Jewish history."

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The 'normalization' of Israel

The process of "normalization" in Israel consists basically in the adaptation of Western material values and providing for Western tastes, according to Dr. GEORGES FRIEDMANN, the French Jewish sociologist and author of the best-selling (in a number of languages) "End of the Jewish People?" Dr. Friedmann said this in an interview in Jerusalem earlier this month with HELENE TARAGAN, at the end of a lecture visit, his fourth since he first came in 1963, as guest of the Hebrew University.

HELENE TARAGAN: *The fundamental question you pose in "End of the Jewish People?" is the following: "Is it the destiny of the Jews in the second half of the 20th century to choose between two forms of assimilation, one by the Jewish State, the other by the Diaspora?" After the Six Day War you reconsidered some of the conclusions you drew in your book, in light of the events of 1967. What made you change your mind at that time and is this change confirmed by your present experience?*

AS for the matter of "Israelization," that is the assimilation by the State of Israel of Jews from 102 countries — I believe it persists. I even believe that in some ways it was strengthened by the Six Day War, since the army's role has become increasingly important and the "Hebrewization" process is stronger than ever. Therefore, the two images I used in "End of the Jewish People?" — namely that the State of Israel is a "melting pot" and at the same time a "bulldozer" still hold. There is no need to explain the image of Israel as a "melting pot"; it is like a "bulldozer" in its rapid destruction of traditions. So I stand by some of the observations I made before 1967. And I wonder whether since the war there has not arisen a situation comparable to a *Kulturkampf*. By this I mean a struggle for the complete secularization of the State coupled with the search for some sort of revival of religious feeling, which unfortunately does not exist for many Israelis.

So what *is* new? On the one hand the so-called jolt of the war brought about a reconciliation between some Israelis and their traditions, but even more than that it intensified the affinity to the Bible. I think that this was undoubtedly brought home to many Israelis by the possibility of visiting places on the West Bank, such as Hebron.

Coincidental or structural

Now my question is whether the changes since the war are merely coincidental to the events or whether they were due to some structural factors. Immediately after the Six Day War, some well-informed Israelis with whom I am acquainted thought that with the war situation, the tension which I described at length in my book — namely, the tension between the people you call the Oriental and the Ashkenazi Jews — had been overcome. Well, today, in December, 1971, I can tell you, following talks with many clear-thinking Israeli experts who do not permit themselves what the English call "wishful thinking," both during my previous stay and now, that they recognize the fact that the war did not produce such lasting changes in relations between the communities. These changes which they believed were brought about by the shock of war, and thus structural ones, have proved to be less durable.

I also think that I underestimated the situation in the Diaspora. What has been described as the thrill which Diaspora Jewry experienced under the impact of the 1967 war was also, partially, a renewed identification of the Jews as a people in a very profound way. I believe that this link between the shock of the war and the renewal of Jewish identity goes a long way in explaining the phenomenon which took place and which is still continuing in the Diaspora.

There is now a new attitude among Israelis. Before the war many Israelis regarded the Jews of the Diaspora as people who basically were not fulfilling their duty, regarded them with a certain distance if not with downright hostility. Now this has all changed. Many Israelis today understand that the Diaspora not only helped them but did so unconditionally. Now, what is not contained in my book and could not be there is the new relationship between the Israeli Jew and the Diaspora Jew.

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Then what are the problems inherent in Israeli society?

THESE are both numerous and serious. But first let me tell you what I admire. I admire the activity, the dynamism, and also the *sang-froid* of many people in a clearly difficult situation which seems to have no end.

Now, I arrived in Israel directly from Tokyo, and I must admit that I did not get a very positive impression of Tel Aviv. I remember on my arrival in 1963 hearing the well-known expression: "Tel Aviv amuses itself, Haifa works and Jerusalem prays." But there are ways of amusing oneself. One sees a certain indifference and lack of faith pervading the youth of Tel Aviv; for, leaving aside other aspects, I find that Tel Aviv is destroying itself as a city. Tel Aviv is deteriorating even more rapidly than it was three years ago. I feel that what Tel Aviv needs is a general cleansing. In this respect the difference between Tel Aviv and Jerusalem is striking.

One of my friends here said: "For us, Tel Aviv is where the Diaspora begins." Have you heard that? It's a challenging notion. I replied: "Do you see the Diaspora as an extension of the *dolce-vita* of Tel Aviv?" He had difficulty in replying.

There is also the fact that people like me who have been coming to

GEORGES FRIEDMANN

Israel for many years expect to see a light coming from Israel to those abroad who cherish Israel and who place their hopes on an Israel which will always remain different from other societies. But sometimes I am disturbed when I get the impression that Israel is becoming in certain spheres like any other country. I wonder whether it wasn't the war which spurred this process of Israel turning into a society like all others, the process towards "normalization" if you like, which consists basically of Western hedonistic values, providing for Western tastes. Israel is not concerning itself enough with the problem of mass culture for the young which spreads the values of Western Europe and America, which are often negative. The best is not always that which is imported.

Many decades

Here I would like to stress that I am not one of those who believe that Israel can resolve all *her* problems in a few years. There will still be problems for many decades. But I believe that rapid progress must be made, for example, where the education of the youth of the Oriental communities is concerned.

I do not accept it as a matter of course that the Jews must turn into a nation like any other nation. This would be most regrettable, since the history of the Jews is not comparable to that of other peoples. I have written that the Jews are an accident of history, meaning that they possess something not quite in keeping with the usual order of things; therefore, if the Jews become like all other peoples, this would clearly not conform with their vocation.

In "End of the Jewish People?" you write that anti-Semitism arouses Jewish consciousness, perseverance and intense pertinacity. Is this how you explain the revival of Judaism among the Russian Jews and their open struggle for their right to come to Israel?

I CERTAINLY believe that the continuing anti-Semitism in Russia has been a factor in the survival of Judaism. I was in the Soviet Union four times. In 1932, when I was a student, I spent a year there on a scholarship studying the five-year plans. The other visits were during the Khrushchev era. I have not had any desire to return since then; in fact I received an official invitation to an international congress there in 1964, which I declined (not wishing to be the guest of the Soviet authorities, in view of their policies — above all their anti-Semitism disguised as anti-Zionism.

During my earlier visits I met Russian Jews, mainly in Kiev. I am naturally aware of the struggle that many of their number have suffered, but it must be admitted here that the Soviet-Jewish question is a complicated one. The strength of the community is unknown if we accept the fact that some Jews have not retained ties with their religion. You must not think of all Russian Jews as heroes whose sole wish is to come to Israel — far from it! There are those among them who, if they could, would have lost themselves completely within the Soviet people — just like certain Negroes in America who have tried to "pass" and become part of the white community. So I think that anti-Semitism, as well as the general decline in Communist ideology, has done much to help Russian Jews maintain their status as Jews.

I am in the process of bringing out a new edition of a book about the Soviet Union, and I am reading many documents, particularly the so-called *samizdat* underground writings which also concern the Jews, and I can see that Communist ideology is on the wane and that the mass of the Soviet people have lost their Communist values. This includes the Jews, who are therefore only left with their traditional values to cling to.

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Tell us something about your latest book, "Power and Wisdom," which received the price of the France and Europe Association.

I CONSIDER it perhaps my most important work, and I have recorded in it a great many personal experiences spread over a number of years. The book's subject is the disproportion between power and wisdom, and by power I mean the power that science and modern technology place in the hands of man. It is a power that grows daily, an unbounded power constantly magnified by atomic power. Under the banner of wisdom I place the moral and spiritual, and I would even say religious, forces with which man can master this power. The book examines all aspects of this imbalance. There is one chapter dealing with Judaism, where I raise the following question: To what extent can a renovated, and I stress renovated, Judaism help man today? I believe that Judaism still has a role to play — but a renovated Judaism, which will have the courage, as I stated in "End of the Jewish People?" at the end of the chapter on "The Religious Problem," to face up to contemporary problems, a Judaism which as a result will have the resources to be able to offer new values to the many young Jews who feel that they are living in a void both in the Diaspora and in Israel.

Books in Review

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HARMLESS SYMBOLISM AND SIMPLICITY

Guard your look and touch

INTIMATE BEHAVIOUR by Desmond Morris. London, Jonathan Cape. 253 pp. $1.95.

Reviewed by David Ryback

"THE mother embraces her offspring, carries, rocks, pats, fondles, kisses, strokes, cleans and suckles it, and coos, hums and croons to it." Such, according to Desmond Morris, is Man's introduction to intimate behaviour. With characteristic oversimplification, Morris describes human development in repeating cycles of three stages: "hold me tight" as an infant, "put me down" as a child, and "leave me alone" as an adolescent. The second cycle begins with early courtship and, increasingly often nowadays, ends in divorce. The third cycle begins with the approach of senility and ends "as babies, snugly tucked in our coffins... from the rock of the cradle we have passed on to the rock of ages."

Desmond Morris has done it again. He's put together a stew consisting of scattered scientific findings, casual personal observations, much subjective opinion, and underpinning of sexually-oriented interpretations and more than a mere *soupçon* of unmitigated self-credited omniscience. Like his "The Naked Ape" and "The Human Zoo" that preceded it, "Intimate Behaviour" is easy reading, entertaining, educational, and harmless if you don't take it too seriously. Who else but Morris would coin such terms as "economic rape," "bitch/bastard" marriage, term the sexual revolution as the "tyranny of the orgasm" and set up such an equation as: warm inhaled smoke equals mother's warm milk? Certainly these statements have been made before but hardly in such a bombastic manner. And that is the tone of the book. Controversial to say the least, but Morris puts it all together so well. Unfortunately, this stew has been twice re-cooked. It's familiar reading to those who have read the previous books, but if they've enjoyed the first servings, they're likely to enjoy this one as well.

Body communication

A chapter entitled "Invitations to Sexual Intimacy" has largely been pre-empted by the book "Body Talk." Morris covers the body from legs (legginess equals sexual maturity equals sexiness) to the hair on our heads. Underlying much of his discussion on body communication is Morris' theme, with very little scientific support, of dominance expressed through symbolic representations of assaultive and assertive acts. Morris, for example, sees the more powerful male jaw as "performing a permanent assertive jut." Or he sees a man accustomed to holding his jacket lapels as more dominant than one with his hands in his pockets because the former's stance is symbolic of an incipient strike upon the head. Far-fetched, but Morris sails right on.

If Morris has become more liberal in his thinking about pair-bonding (he discusses divorce and extra-marital affairs much more as natural outcomes of human interaction than in his previous books), he has also become more sensitive to the uniquely human characteristics of love ("an act of giving, giving oneself without question to another person") and marriage ("a powerful and lasting bond of attachment for a member of the opposite sex that is much more than a mere partnership"). He also seems more aware of the relative complexities of bond formation in humans as compared with animals.

In his discussion of courtship patterns, Morris takes into full account the changing social values of Western society. One of the outcomes has been a reduction in the number of stages through which a courtship passes, as well as a reduction in the duration of each stage. For one thing, marriages are no longer arranged by parents but rather managed by the couple itself, and here Morris maintains that the short-circuiting of courtship patterns may end up not in more easily attainable bliss but rather in economic and sexual utilitarian relationships. How he arrives at this dismal conclusion is kept from the reader.

Somewhat more obvious is Morris' conclusion that much of the energy that used to be put into the early part of the courtship pattern has now been shifted to the later stages. First came the disappearance of the chaperone, relaxed dating mores and effective contraception. Today, although official attitudes may not have changed all that much, there is less strict enforcement, for less value is attached to female virginity, and pre-marital sex, although perhaps not yet the universal mode, is far more common than it had been in recent generations.

Morris has two interesting comments about these changing social values. First, he maintains that true lovers, as they always have done in history, prefer a tender touch on the cheek from their beloved to any number of other acts crassly performed in an impersonal manner. Secondly, they are not forced to give up stages of the courting pattern which they might happen to enjoy — rather they have more liberty to choose their own sequence and pace despite the onslaught of impertinent messages from such social-value modifiers as the advertising media.

Yet advertisers would not be spending the vast sums they do on various aspects of intimate behaviour if these were not inherently a part of human interaction.

Other money-making industries that Morris sees as benefitting from our need to be touched are the professions of specialized intimacy: doctors (in order to obtain whose services psychosomatics may turn themselves into babies), masseurs ("body contact-for-contact's-sake"), "health studios" (where sexless machines embrace), beauty parlours (a touching experience reserved for women), barbers (where manicure and scalp massage are also available), and, finally, the public shoe-shine.

Most of Morris' symbolisms are outrageously obvious and familiar — smoking, drinking, and eating as replacements for the original maternal nutritive liquid; the waterbed as a return to utero. However, one example can be marked for its originality. In describing the soothing effect of TV watching from the easy chair, the following symbolic equation is proffered: real mother that comforts and protects equals chair-mother that comforts plus TV screen that protects. Hence one can watch drama, newsreel, tragedy and touching personal intimacy with no need to respond except for vegetative needs, for which American TV thankfully provides commercial breaks. (In Israel, a fresh source of nervousness — as if Israelis needed another one — is the lack of the 60-second pause in which to dash to the refrigerator for a cold drink.)

There is hardly a topic or body area that Morris will not deal with in his simplistic fashion. Neither will he refrain from journalistic bravado in expressing, with McLuhanesque aplomb, an uncertain possibility as a foregone conclusion.

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RENEWAL OF NEGOTIATIONS OR RENEWAL OF WAR

The resolution of the General Assembly of the United Nations of December 13, 1971, demonstrated to the whole world that the die-hard policy of the Israel Government isolates Israel among the world's nations. Israel is needlessly delaying the renewal of the Jarring mission, and creating a political vacuum in which the armed conflict between Israel and its neighbours may flame up again.

It is well known to the world that in February, 1971, Dr. Jarring presented Israel and Egypt with some concrete questions. Dr. Jarring asked Egypt whether it was prepared to make peace with Israel, and Israel whether it would undertake to withdraw to the international borders between the two countries, provided a peace treaty were signed and security guarantees had come into force. Egypt gave an affirmative answer — though accompanied by additional demands. The Israel Government has not answered at all to this day. Instead, it has misled Israel public opinion by suggesting that Dr. Jarring had demanded an undertaking for withdrawal to the June 4, 1967 borders. The truth is that Dr. Jarring referred to the international, mandatory borders. If the Israel Government had accepted the Jarring document as a basis for negotiations, and had added some of her own positive demands for the demilitarization of Sinai, we could now be in the midst of peace negotiations. But the Government of Israel not only caused the Jarring mission and the negotiations for a general agreement to come to a halt, it also placed obstacles on the road towards a partial settlement.

The Government of Israel is, therefore, fully responsible for the freeze of the Jarring mission and of the negotiations for a peace agreement, as well as for the failure of the negotiations for a partial settlement.

We call upon the Government of Israel to change this die-hard policy for a more flexible one. We call upon the Israel public to put an end to its passive attitude and to demand that the Government change its ways.

There is not much time left. Today it is still possible to renew the political negotiations and to prevent the renewal of war and of unnecessary bloodshed.

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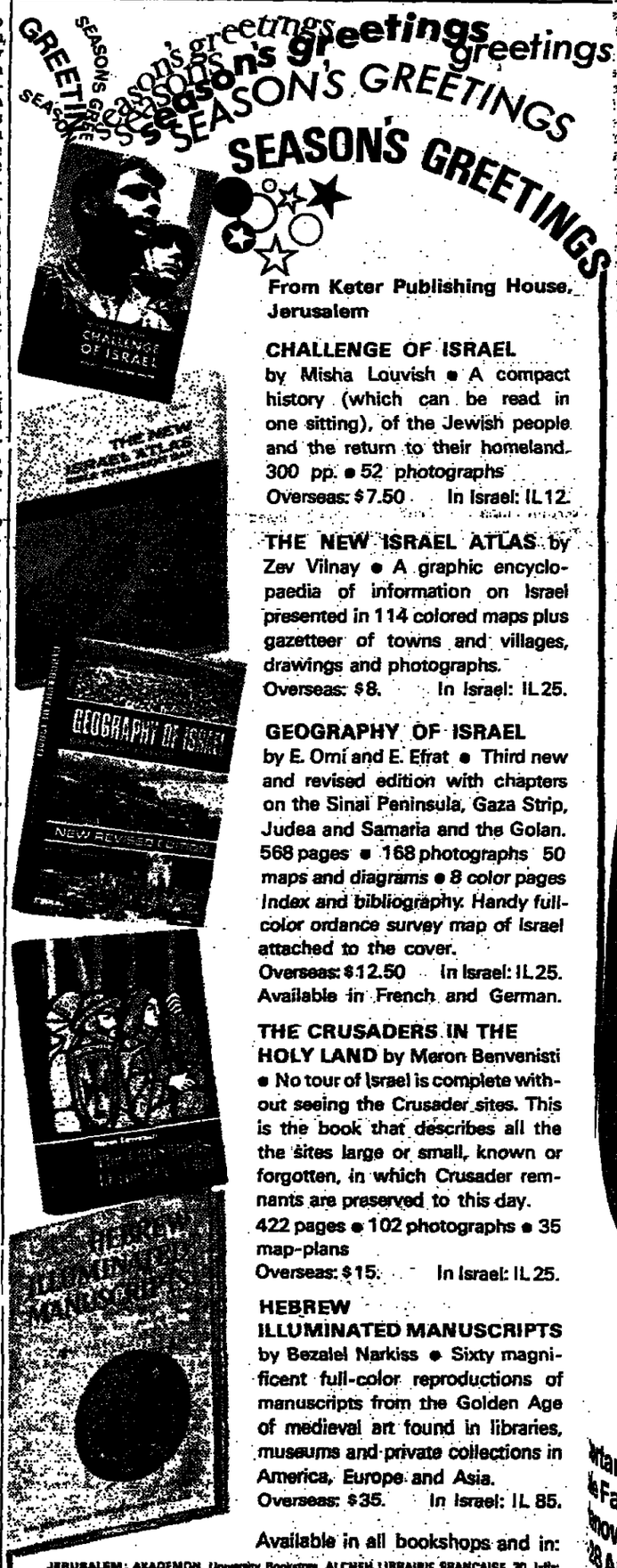

KEEPING POSTED

We enjoyed seeing the 20 "Jerusalem Worthies" receive their badges and scrolls, and hearing their praises so beautifully spoken in elegant Hebrew phrases. (In the most flowery Hebrew, they are the "Beloved of Jerusalem.") Builders of the city, certainly, each in his own way. There was the man who left a soft job at a bank and saved up his money to buy chisel and hammer to become a building worker; the one who was a night watchman on the outskirts of the city for decades; to say nothing of the man who contributed 39 grandchildren to the city's population, and the woman who rehabilitated fallen girls. From there, we moved on

right through the doctors and rabbis to the professor of science.

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WHAT we really had in mind, though, was to nominate a 21st worthy: the Mayor himself. When Rabbi Avidani, in the shining golden maxi gown, half covered by a dark blue winter coat and a white woollen shawl, extracted a sheaf of notes from an unexplained package that looked like a tablecloth folded up, and was about to begin a speech, the master of ceremonies tried to lead him away. After all, suppose all the other 19 had also insisted on speaking? With a sinking heart we saw the old man about to be shooed away in his moment of glory. But Mayor Teddy Kollek, thank heaven, never was a stickler for protocol, and with a grand gesturr invited the rabbi to the microphone. And not for nothing. He was very hard to understand, and the only bit we caught quite clearly was an excellent suggestion: that the Prophet Elijah, famed as a miracle worker, should be invited to return and straighten out the business of the *mamzerim*.

By next year, Jerusalem will have been whole again for a full five years. We would like to suggest that that would be a good occasion to honour also some Christian and Moslem lovers of the Holy City.

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A MAN in Beersheba has sent us a page from the "New Scientist," with pictures and explanations of how a five-storey block of flats in Basel, Switzerland, was recently moved bodily a distance of 29 metres to make way for a new road. The operation took only 12 hours and the residents were able to remain in their homes for the ride. To save them any inconvenience, temporary flexible electric cables and water pipes were installed for the move. First the cellar walls were strengthened, girders inserted underneath and the walls separated from the

old foundations. Then steel rollers were placed between the girders and a set of tracks built for the purpose, and the journey could begin.

When the new foundations had been reached, the girders were removed and whole structure firmly concreted into place. It was calculated that the cost was only about half of the expense of demolishing the building and putting up a new one. The magazine suggests the system will be useful where buildings of historic interest are threatened by new road schemes. Our correspondent suggests it as a way of curing the bulge in the new road through the Rehavia valley caused by the house whose tenants refuse to move. Or perhaps just get Elijah in again.

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A FRIEND from Hungary scowled at an acquaintance who had smartened up a dark blue suit with a large bright yellow tie. "My God," she said, "when I see that colour I get the creeps. That's exactly the colour of the 'yellow patch' the Nazis made us wear."

How big had the patch been? She spread out the fingers of one hand, palm up. "Like that. Good and visible. Just about the shape of that tie."

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A LEARNED contributor points out that U.S. Secretary of State Rogers could not claim to be original when he declared that Israel was isolated. In Numbers, 23.9, it says that (Israel) is a people that shall dwell alone and shall not be reckoned among the nations." The speaker was Bileam, who was sent to curse Israel, but pronounced a blessing instead.

(Today's contributors include J.J., and F.A. van Hessen, Beersheba.)

49ers score come-from-behind win, gain final berth in N.F.L. playoff

THE San Francisco 49ers grabbed the last remaining berth in the National Football League playoffs, on Sunday, whipping the Detroit Lions 31-27 Sunday in a come-from-behind thriller.

Quarterback John Brodie ran ten yards to score the winning points for the 49ers, who finished ahead of Los Angeles in the National Conference West despite a desperation victory by the Rams over Pittsburgh, 23-14.

The Miami Dolphins stopped the Green Bay Packers 27-6, and the New England Patriots upset the Baltimore Colts 21-17, to decide the Eastern Division Title. Both the first place Dolphins and Runnerup Colts had clinched playoff spots last week.

The day's results set up these pairings for the start of the playoffs next Saturday:

— The Dallas Cowboys, who won the National Conference East by beating the St. Louis Cardinals 31-12 on Saturday, will face the Minnesota Vikings, Kings of the Central Division.

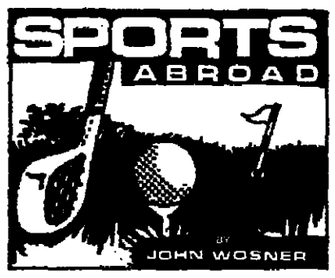
— The Dolphins will play the Kansas City Chiefs, titlists in the American Conference West.

On Sunday the games will be:

— Baltimore, wild-card winner of the fourth playoff spot in the American Conference, meeting the Cleveland Browns, champions of the Conference's Central Division.

— The Washington Redskins, the wild-card team in the national conference, playing San Francisco.

Sunday's other results: Kansas City Chiefs 22, Buffalo Bills 9; New York Jets 35, Cincinnati Bengals 21; Houston Oilers 49, San Diego Chargers 33; Atlanta Falcons 24, New Orleans Saints 20; Minnesota Vikings 27, Chicago Bears 10; Philadelphia Eagles 41, New York Giants 28; Cleveland Browns 20, Washington Redskins 13; Oakland Raiders 21, Denver Broncos 13.



BASKETBALL

WILT Chamberlain carried Los Angeles to its 25th consecutive National Basketball Association victory Sunday night by scoring 32 points, grabbing 34 rebounds and blocking 12 shots as the Lakers beat the Philadelphia 76ers, 154-132.

BOXING

BOB Foster scored a technical knockout over outclassed Brian Kelly in the third round Thursday night to successfully defend his version of the Light Heavyweight Championship.

Foster knocked Kelly down twice in the second round, then sent him sprawling to the canvas with a tremendous left hook in the third round, and the fight was called by referee Earle Kell.

The knockout was Foster's 39th in 50 professional fights. It stretched his record to 45-5, with all of his losses coming from heavyweights.

Foster is the recognized champion in several states of the U.S., but was stripped of his title by the World Boxing Association (W.B.A.) for failing to fight Jimmy Dupree, the W.B.A.'s top contender. The W.B.A. recognizes Vincenie Rondon of Venezuela, who scored an eighth round K.O. over challenger Bill Baird Wednesday night in Cleveland, Ohio.

There was no word from the Foster camp about a possible fight with Rondon to clear the championship issue.

SOCCER

THERE were no changes at the top of the English First Division soccer table as the three leading clubs all drew their matches Saturday.

Manchester United were held to a goal-less draw against Ipswich Town, who had conceded 11 goals in their three previous matches, while Manchester City stayed four points behind United with a 1-1 draw at home to Leicester City. Leeds United also figured in a 1-1 draw, sharing the points with the rapidly improving Crystal Palace.

Alan Hinton kept Derby in the title hunt by scoring both goals in their 2-0 victory over Everton, while Liverpool and Tottenham were fighting out a goal-less draw. Tottenham, missing four men through injuries following their U.E.F.A. cup victory over Rapid Bucharest on Wednesday, have not won a match at Liverpool's Anfield ground for 59 years.

John Roberts, a late choice in place of injured Peter Simpson, repaid double champions Arsenal by netting twice in their 2-0 victory over bottom-of-the-table West Bromwich Albion.

Nottingham Forest, one place above West Brom, led until the 70th minute against Sheffield United, who came back to win 2-1 with goals from Alan Woodward and Tony Currie.

Viv Busby, on loan to Newcastle United from second-division Luton Town, scored his second goal in two games for the club and it was enough to give them a 1-0 victory over West Ham.

The Wolves extended their unbeaten run to nine matches, including U.E.F.A. cup victories over East German Carl Zeiss Jena, with a 2-0 win against Stoke City.

Southampton won by the same margin against fellow-strugglers Huddersfield Town to ease their relegation worries.

GOLF

AMERICA's Jack Nicklaus won nearly a quarter million dollars to top golf's money winners for the fourth time in nine years, according to official figures released by the Professional Golfers Association Thursday.

Gary Player of South Africa led the non-Americans on the tour, landing in fifth place, with $120,917. Player also finished fifth in the points total with 111,354.7.

Next highest foreigner was Australia's Bruce Crampton with $106,736 in eleventh place. He also scored 102,465.8 points for ninth place in that division.

Nicklaus earned $244,490.50, heading a list of 12 golfers who went over the $100,000 mark. Lee Trevino was second at $231,202.97 and Arnold Palmer finished third with $209,603.77.

All three totals topped the previous single season earning record of $205,168 established by Billy Casper in 1968.

Nicklaus also finished first in the exemption point standings with 241,872.5 points. The top 60 players on the point list are exempt from playing in qualifying rounds of open tournaments on the 1972 tour.

'Fiddler' loses much of charm on wide screen

Fiddler on the Roof (Chen, Tel Aviv, Ron, Jerusalem and Peer, Haifa).

LIKE the proverbial curate's egg, this film is good in parts. The music is fine and so is the dancing and, in the first half at least, there is a great feeling of energy and flow of movement. But the story of Tevya, father of five daughters and milkman of the village of Anatevka in Czarist Russia in the first years of this century, on the wide screen loses most of the charm that made the stage play so delightful.

Norman Jewison, who produced as well as directed, has, as he said himself, concentrated on broad effects and avoided subtleties. The characters—especially with the eye of the Panavision camera on them — are larger than life and all the less sympathy-evoking. The film is a big-scale production in every way, not only in its three-hour length.

Haim Topol is a very robust Tevya. He fills the screen — the more so since he is almost always seen in close-up, a procedure which becomes tiresome. His Tevya is a dominating personality, full of vitality, the sort of man who would not have been content to remain a milkman and would not have allowed himself to be bullied by his acidulous wife nor listened to his daughters' pleas to marry for love. His energetic, forceful interpretation of the role made it hard — for me at least — to find Tevya lovable or to take his intimate, whimsical communings with the Almighty without a certain embarrassment.

Despite reservations, however, I found the first half of the film enjoyable. The sequence when Tevya explains to his wife, through the recounting of a supposed nightmare that their eldest daughter, Tzeitel, is not going to marry the rich butcher but a poor tailor, is brilliantly treated; so is Tzeitel's marriage, with the white bridal canopy gleaming in the light of hundreds of candles in the darkening evening. There is a distinct tailing off in the second half of the film. And the pogrom with the unoffending, poor community, turned out of their village, their homes destroyed,

does not have the impact the tragedy warrants.

Norma Crane is properly unsympathetic as Tevya's wife, Golde, veteran actress Molly Picon makes a very lively, garrulous matchmaker, Rosalind Harris and Leonard Frey give good performances as Tzeitel and Motel, the tailor, and Paul Mann makes the butcher into the sort of man no girl is going to want to marry.

The screen-play is by Joseph Stein, who wrote the original stage play based on stories by Sholem Aleichem. Isaac Stern's playing is, as usual, beautiful to listen to. *S.W.*

Readers' letters

Collection for Bengali children

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Because of an error in an article that appeared in the Post of December 9 readers may have been expecting to be visited on Sunday by school-children collecting funds for the Bengali refugee children.

Actually, the collection, which will be organized and conducted by the Scouts and other youth groups throughout the country, will be held on Tuesday, January 11. Please welcome these children and give as generously as you can. The war has in no way diminished the problem of starvation, malnutrition and disease among the children in the refugee camps in India. Indeed, if anything, it has intensified it, and whatever the outcome of the war, there will be an urgent, long-term need for protein and other supplies.

I'd like to take this opportunity, if I may, to thank all those whose contributions to the Bengali Children's Fund made our first shipment possible. Those who would like to contribute directly may send their donations to the Bengali Children's Fund, Bank Discount, Mercaz, Account No. 88520, Tel Aviv.

WILLIAM FREEDMAN,
Chairman
Bengali Children's Fund

Haifa, December 11

CUTTING FILMS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — On Saturday evening, December 5, I bought tickets to see a film at the Esther cinema. The posters made no indication that other than the whole film was being shown, and certainly the price I paid was the full price to see a whole film. In practice, cuts were made in at least six obvious places.

If it is necessary for the Esther and other cinemas to cut films to fit in with the timings to which they wish to hold, then surely, if they are not to be guilty of misrepresentation, they should announce this fact, and either reduce their prices or give people like myself a chance to go elsewhere.

GODFREY WINTERS

Herzliya, December 7.

Mr. Winters will have a hard time finding any cinema in Israel showing a complete and uncut film. This practice very often distorts the film beyond recognition. *Ed. J.P.*

AIRPORT RESTAURANT

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — According to Itim's report which appeared in your issue of November 26 concerning a tourist who could find nobody to serve him in the restaurant near the observation platform at Lod airport at 9 p.m., it would appear that the sole entrance to the restaurant is through the observation platform, which the tourist could only reach after paying 50 agorot admission fee.

We wish to point out that the main entrance to the restaurant is not through the observation platform, but from the stairs outside the airlines building; access is direct and free.

The restaurant is run on a self-service basis, it is open continuously 24 hours a day and at 9 p.m. food could certainly be purchased there. "Melonot," which runs the restaurant, checked the complaint and informs us that service was not interrupted that evening; they are at a loss to understand what caused this particular complaint.

S. BEN-DAVID,
Assistant to the Airport Manager

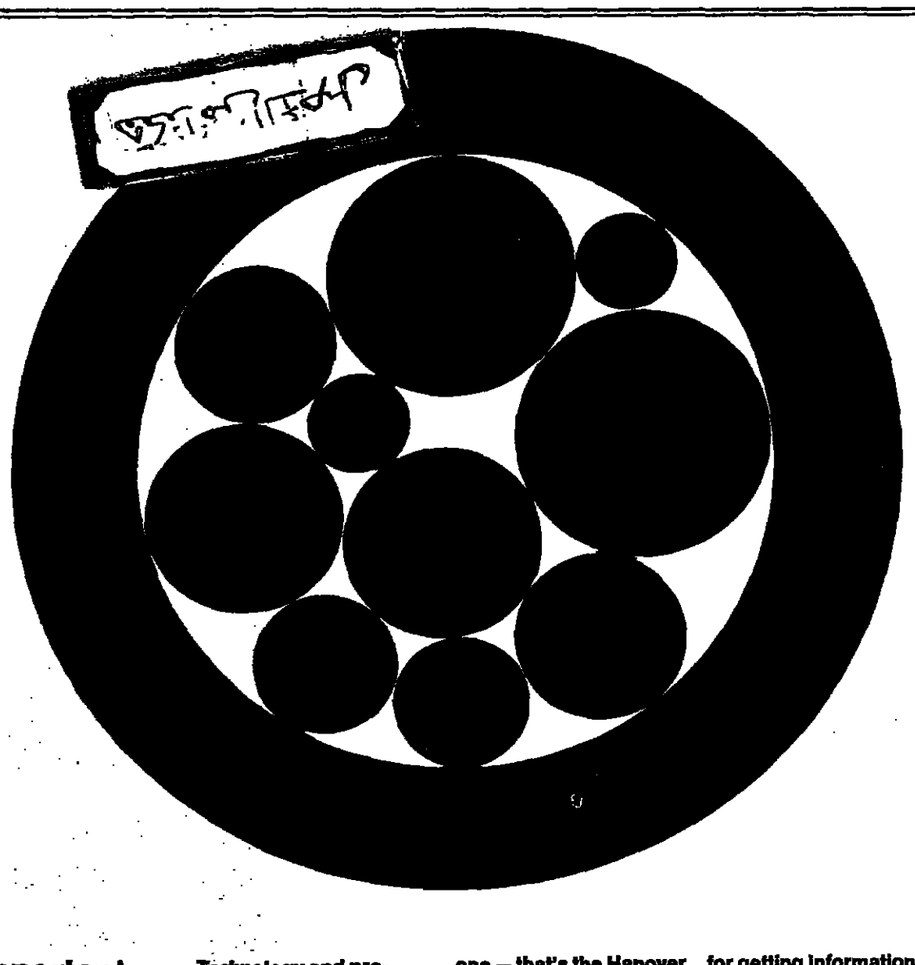
Lod, December 7.

Sudan outlaws said 'crushed'

KHARTOUM (Reuter). — All major camps of outlaws in the Southern Sudan have now been crushed, the Sudanese chief of staff, Major-General Mohammed Abdel Gadir, said this week.

The dissidents have now turned cattle rustlers and looters, he told the official Sudan News Agency.

General Gadir said the guerrillas fighting government forces in the Southern Sudan had adopted the technique of building camps on the frontiers with Zaire and Uganda, "but the armed forces chased them and crushed and liquidated those camps."



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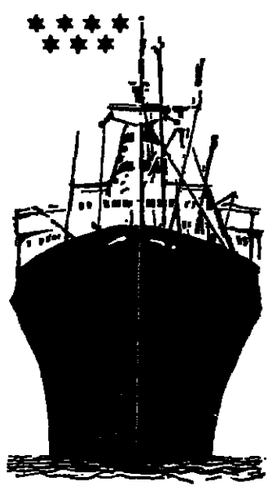

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Agenda:

a) Directors' Report
b) Authorization of the Company's Balance Sheet
c) Election of Directors
d) Election of Auditor
e) Miscellaneous

Holders of Bearer Shares may participate in the said Annual General Meeting upon depositing the Bearer Shares they hold with the Company's Secretary or upon giving the Secretary a certificate from a bank attesting that the Shares have been deposited with them, not later than three full days before the time of the said Meeting, in accordance with the Articles of Association of the Company.

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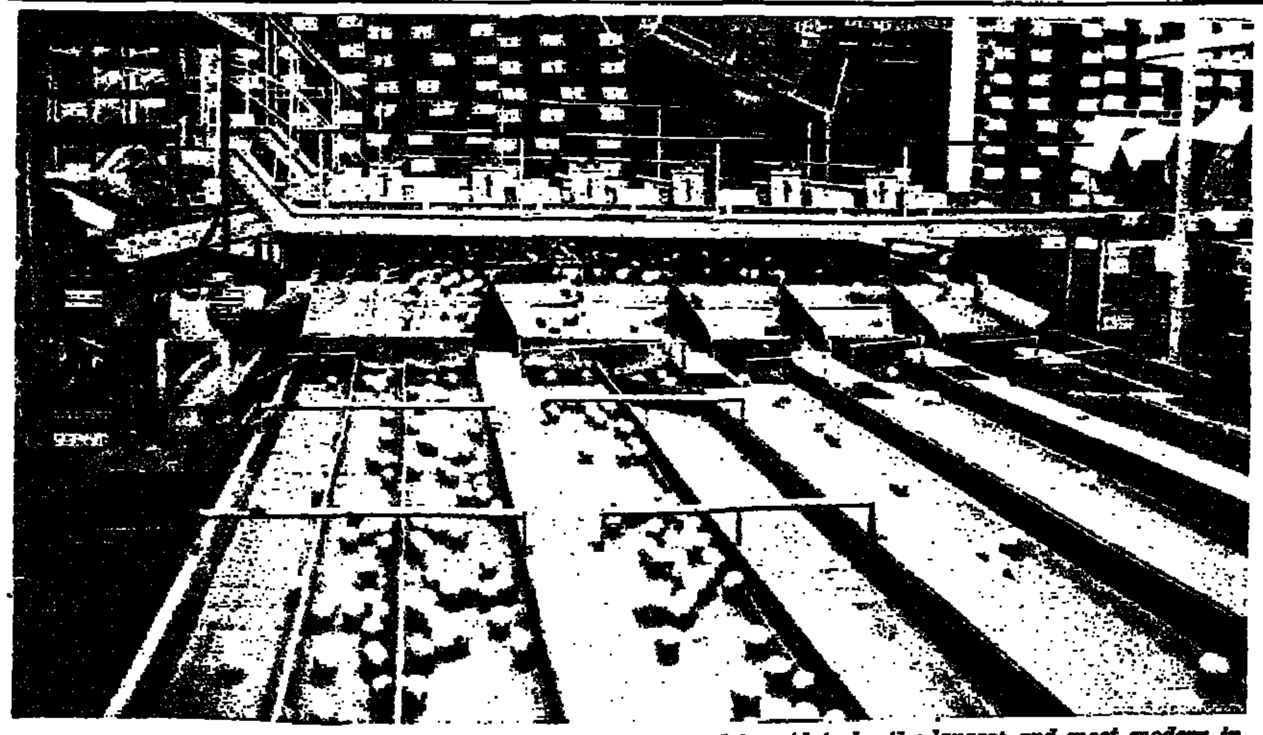
The Pardess Syndicate's packing and sorting plant near Tel Mond is said to be the largest and most modern in Israel.

Zvi Kenan, General Manager of Syndicate, makes a spot check.

Private growers put collectivism to work

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

PARDESS Syndicate is a roof organization of private citrus growers, a little empire in itself. Not only does it handle about one-third of the citrus produced in Israel through its various affiliated bodies, it helps plant, and care for the trees, as well as seeing that the fruit reaches its destination abroad in good shape. It also runs its own citrus products plant — which this year, according to the managers, shows all the signs of "making a profit."

Typical of Pardess' work in the field is that at Baharia, a 562-dunam grove in Hadar Ramatayim, north of Petah Tikva. Established in 1909, by World War II the grove was badly neglected and average production per dunam was only four crates of fruit. A few years of intensive care, by Pardess, brought production up to 90-100 crates a dunam. "Nobody thought this grove could be restored," recalls Mr. Zvi Kenan, General Manager of the Syndicate, which itself was founded in the 1930s.

Dr. Moshe Aharoni, an agronomist, and Mr. Yitzak Eliashberg, Deputy General Manager and director of "Grove Cultivation," an affiliate of Pardess Syndicate, explains how it was done. Irrigation was reintroduced (the headwaters of the Yarkon are nearby), and old trees were replaced by new ones. Today, each dunam earns (before taxes) about IL300 a year. "Grove Cultivation" today tends to 22,000 dunams of trees belonging to many hundreds of private owners. (The original Baharia tract now belongs to 50 persons, mainly the heirs of the original founders.)

"We not only cultivate these 20,000 dunams for the owners, but we also supervise the rest of the work," Mr. Eliashberg explains. "We also help in harvesting the fruit, for very few of the owners can cope without outside help; and it is difficult for them to get hired hands; we also provide mechanical equipment."

The consequence, of course, is that although the land is in private hands, it is worked collectively, with "Grove Cultivation" providing the labour crews and mechanical equipment, which goes from tract to tract. "Grove Cultivation" recently undertook to include 1,000 dunams of almond orchards in its network.

The next phase is packing and shipping the fruit.

"Pardess," one of Pardess Syndicate's affiliated bodies, runs six packing and sorting plants. The largest and most modern, which is also said to be the largest (8,000 square metres) in the country under one roof, is located near Tel Mond, and it is called "Kadima."

IL3m. investment

"We invested IL3m. in erecting and equipping this plant," says Mr. Kenan. Extensive use is made of electronic instruments to run the mechanical side of the plant.

Mr. Yosef First, the plant manager, says that he soon hopes that "fifty per cent of the workers will be Jewish." At present, as in the past few years, two-thirds are Arabs, mainly from the administered areas. During the peak of the season, Kadima employs 170 persons.

Nevertheless, despite this large labour force, most of them are employed in tending to the machines which set the pace of work.

When a truck brings in fruit, the fruit is chemically washed, both to ensure cleanliness and to reduce rot which will shorten its shelf life at a later time. Then the early fruit is "degreened," that is, given a deeper orange colour, by using gas under a specified heat; it is washed again, dried, culled out for oversize and undersize fruit which is shipped to the cannery to be made into juice, sprayed with wax to give it that shiny look, stamped with the word "Jaffa," sorted for size, wrapped (this is done by hand), packed into cartons and then placed on pallets which are lifted by fork-lifts to a truck for transport to the port.

Since during the washing process the fruit is doused with "TBZ," a chemical which prevents rotting, it is hoped that eventually the process of wrapping the fruit will be dispensed with. At present, it is continued as a double measure to insure the longest shelf-life possible.

The culls — the oversize, undersize and roughly textured fruit — are shipped to the Yavne processing plant. (Strangely enough, there is a large demand for small oranges — if they are ripe and sweet — in Holland. Here, many mothers like to give each child an orange a day — and not take one large orange and divide it up. The former method is excellent for lunch boxes, etc.)

The Yavne plant belongs directly to "Pardess" and receives fruit not only from "Grove Cultivation," which, all told, is only a part of the private sector's groves. There are more than 100,000 more dunams organized within Pardess Syndicate — and about 60 per cent of them are cooperative ventures who like to use "Pardess" sorting plants, its canning factory at Yavne, as well as it shipping facilities.

10 years old

The plant was founded ten years ago, as Pardess frankly says, "because a lot of members of Pardess were afraid that if we didn't have our own plant we would be at the mercy of the other plants." At any rate, every time the plant turned in a red balance sheet, which has been every year so far, there was a lot of talk about selling the plant.

The plant uses a lot of labels, i.e. it packages its products for many famous firms, including Lyons, of the U.K; it also uses the famous Sunfresh and Del Monte labels. It has two main "seasons," the citrus, when it employs up to 500 workers; and the "tomato," when it employs 400. It also cans several other products, such as apricots, and makes concentrates, trying to keep 200 persons permanently employed throughout the slack season.

In 1969 and in 1970, the plant lost about IL600,000 each year. This year, there is good hope of turning in a profit, "although transport is higher, so are packaging costs." Sales for the 1971-72 season should reach IL25m. as compared to IL21m. for the 1970-71 year. About 80 per cent goes for export, and in 1971-72, this should easily pass the $4m. mark. About 60 per cent of the exports are taken by the U.K., the rest by Europe.

The plant is highly mechanized — except for grapefruit segments. Each segment must be peeled by hand — and without the thin membranes the segment has a tendency to disintegrate — so utmost care is needed.

Carton shipments

The finished products are packed in cartons for shipment abroad. (Another affiliate of Pardess Syndicate makes Bruce boxes, and in 1970-71, some 5,500,000 were manufactured at a value of IL10.7m. Pardess Syndicate itself ships its fruit in both Bruce boxes and cartons (the Bruce boxes withstand being stored one on top of another better; but they are more expensive).

The final step is the ports of Haifa and Ashdod. Pardess Syndicate is the agent for shipping its export products — 440,000 tons of fresh fruit which brought in $33m. last season, as well as many thousands of tons of canned products.

But at present, much of its interest is concentrated on using "containers." These are huge metal boxes containing about 20 tons of fruit each, properly stacked, which are lifted by huge cranes directly into the hold of the ship which must be especially equipped to accept them. The advantages of this system are great. The "containers" can be loaded at a warehouse and brought on the back of trailers straight to the ship's side — we watched the "Pennine Prince," of the U.K. being directly loaded. At the port of destination, in this case Manchester, since the Manchester liners own both the ship and the "containers," they are off-loaded by another crane directly onto a trailer. All the usual hand-work of loading and unloading a ship, involving much labour despite the high degree of mechanization, are thus eliminated. Also eliminated is much of the breakage. (Incidentally, reporters learned a very interesting fact at the port — crates containing bottles of whiskey are more liable to burst into pieces when being unloaded then crates containing any other liquid.)

Time to take a long look at state transport policy

BUSINESS COMMENT
by Dr. Moshe Ater
Jerusalem Post Economic Editor

AMONG the probable victims of the expected budget cuts will be some of the Transport Ministry's ambitious projects, including road development. This may be justified economically, but will certainly be deplored by road users confronted by growing traffic congestion in urban areas and a rising accident toll.

The issue reflects the impasse in which modern motor transport increasingly finds itself. It provides people with facilities they want but it requires a capital outlay — to remove resultant nuisances — which the public cannot afford.

Not so long ago it was taken for granted that the industrial, affluent society we are heading for would make the motor car universal. Mr. Peres — when not yet a minister — suggested that Israel should take a leaf out of the American book and make every worker a car owner. Indeed, the number of motor vehicles licensed in Israel increased fourfold, the number of private cars almost seven times over the past decade. At the same time, problems of air pollution, road congestion, traffic accidents and urban development have grown to dimensions which make their solution near impossible.

Other side of issue

On the convenience of motor car transport there is no need to elaborate. It has taken time, however, for the reverse side of this issue to become visible.

Fully developed private car ownership tends to defeat its purpose because the resulting problems of parking, road congestion, and loss of time involved in commuting rule out exclusive resort to the car. The car has brought about a major dispersal of urban population, leading to a decline of urban centres and to mushrooming suburban growth. But in the long run traffic between the suburbs becomes so heavy that congestion problems arise everywhere, and urban centres are closed to car traffic. As a consequence, public transport is needed even in the affluent society. But since its use is confined mainly to rush hours, it generally operates at a loss.

Even in the richest and most advanced countries the use of cars is limited to no more than one half of the population. It is not just a matter of money. Not everybody can learn to drive a car. Children and elderly people are in particular at a disadvantage. In a fully-fledged suburban, commuting society two sharply divided classes tend to emerge, with the car-less depending on the car-borne for lifts unless some public transport service is maintained, at least in a skeletal form.

It is also now evident that the indirect costs of car traffic are largely paid not by the car users, but by the public, which must provide the money for checking pollution, for reconstruction of urban areas, and partly even for road development, not to speak of the heavy toll in life and limb. The individual car-user may not be aware of it but the fact is that car traffic is subsidized by the rest of the economy: in other words, it is so attractive because it is operated at less than actual cost. (This is less applicable in Israel than some other countries, as a result of very high taxation on cars and fuel.)

On the other hand, the nation finds itself short of money to pay for the resultant nuisances. Proper social accounting of the costs and benefits of car traffic would probably lead to a major change in policy and bring about a shift in resources — both private and public — from private to public passenger transport facilities, from cars to buses or undergrounds or railways or other means of transport which are still in a development stage.

In the U.S., where the proportion of cars to families is much higher, the wind is distinctly blowing that way. In Europe, which is less motorized, public opinion is also starting to realize that motor car dominance has passed its peak. Thus, the British government has discarded the policy of cutting back railway services, and it is urging local authorities to expand and improve bus services. The bus licensing system is to be revised in order to expand the use of mini-buses, perhaps even of private cars to convey passengers against payment. Experiments with novel means of transport — such as hover-trains — are financed and encouraged. On the other hand, private cars are increasingly discriminated against both as regards fiscal treatment and traffic regulations.

Priority to cars

In Israel this development has been largely overlooked. The Transport Ministry is at long last supporting a plan for an underground in Greater Tel Aviv, and for a modern rail link to Jerusalem; but by and large transport policy remains unchanged, with top priority still given to private cars, and with the majority left to get along as best they can. The number of buses has doubled over the past decade, but in terms of social standards a man without a car is now worse off than before. The inadequacy of our bus service — even though heavily subsidized — requires no elaboration. Urban traffic congestion becomes worse each year. The disastrous impact of vested (car owner) interests on urban planning has been decried by both local and foreign experts (in particular — but not solely — in the case of Jerusalem). And the horrid record of road accidents rises monthly. In 1971 the number of people killed on roads will have exceeded 600, and the number of injured over 20,000 an increase of 40 per cent over the past four years. In most countries the number of road accidents is increasing at least at a much smaller rate than the number of motor cars (in Britain it decreased slightly, while the number of cars almost doubled, over the period 1960-1968), but in Israel the toll of accidents has closely followed the spread of car ownership.

It is to be wondered how long the public will tolerate this situation, and how long it will take before political capital is made of this obvious discrimination in favour of the car owning minority. Fortunately, a number of recent developments offer an opportunity for revision. The pressing need to reduce public spending ought to bring about a second look at schemes involving indirect subsidization of private cars. The impending income tax reform should put an end to the current situation in which a man without a car travels at his own cost, while most car owners can charge the cost to business accounts. The end of Leyland's monopoly should be used for a new look not only at the type of buses to be ordered, but also at the kind of bus service that ought to be operated, including the awkward question of public control of the bus monopolies. Lastly, the public outcry against the rising road toll could be turned into a frank debate of the relevant issues, involving not only technicalities of traffic regulations and road signs, but also the basic transport, fiscal and residential policies involved.

Munich councillor here for dedication of new synagogue

LOD AIRPORT. — A member of the Munich City Council, Dr. Hubert Abreas, arrived on Sunday to attend the dedication of the "Ihud Shivat Zion" synagogue in Rehov Ben Yehuda, Tel Aviv, this evening. He reported that Munich Mayor Joachim Vogel was due to arrive today for the ceremony.

The Munich Municipality was a major contributor towards the construction of the synagogue. *(Itim)*

Debt defaulter stowed away

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — A Haifa man, Jacques Atia, wanted by the police for non-payment of debts, was discovered on board the Zim freighter M.S. Mazal at sea on Saturday.

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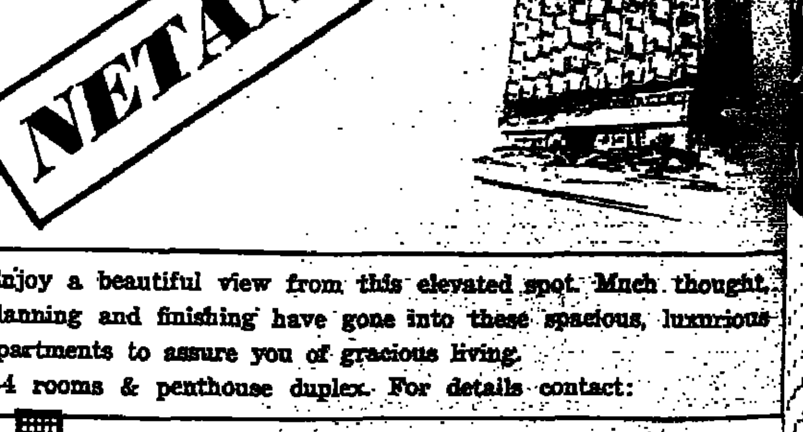

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Zvi Tsur on Defence Ministry's role in oil operation

'Friedman was right man for the job'

By HIRSH GOODMAN and DAVID LANDAU
Jerusalem Post Reporters

There was no reason, from a security point of view, for information from Netivei Neft to have been withheld from the authorities, Mr. Zvi Tsur, special assistant to the Minister of Defence, told the Witkon Commission of Inquiry yesterday.

Rav-Aluf Tsur, who began his testimony yesterday morning with two hours at an *in camera* session, made the statement after a series of terse exchanges with Ram Caspi, *the lawyer who has been appointed* to represent Dr. David Neev, the Development Ministry geologist whose complaint to the Minister of Finance led to the establishment of the Commission.

Mr. Tsur was precise and concise in his testimony. The Defence Ministry's responsibility at Abu Rodeis, he said, was confined to several defined fields: Government contact, in that Abu Rodeis was under the jurisdiction of the Military Government in an administered territory; security, as the oil fields and tankers were within range of Egyptian guns; and logistics, since it supplied transport to the virtually isolated area, and such specialized personnel as pilots and drivers. Finally, the Ministry was connected with the Midbar prospecting company, but the precise nature of these ties are secret.

The actual running of Abu Rodeis, he said, was in the hands of Netivei Neft and Mordechai Friedman, the company's general manager, who reported to the Ministry once a month on production. The reason Mr. Friedman reported on production, he said, was because earnings from the sale of Sinai oil were considered part of the income of the Military Government, and part of the budget for the territories.

Fire was raging

In reply to a question from Attorney General Meir Shamgar, Mr. Tsur said Mr. Friedman had been chosen to operate the fields in June 1967, while the Six Day War was still in progress. There were two main problems at the time: there was a fire raging at the field, and oil was flowing to waste from burst pipes. Mr. Friedman was sent down, Mr. Tsur said, because both he and the Petroleum Commissioner, Dov Ben Dror, were convinced that he was the right man to handle the job. Friedman was an experienced oil man, he was in uniform at the time, and both Mr. Tsur and Mr. Ben Dror thought that he had the necessary talents to get things under control. The fact that Mr. Friedman also owned a private oil company did not trouble them, Mr. Tsur said — "and anyway he owned a drilling company. Since Abu Rodeis was an operating field, there was no conflict of interests."

The conflict arose late in 1968. Mr. Tsur said both Mr. Friedman and Deputy Finance Minister Zvi Dinstein consulted him, because Mr. Friedman owned Continental, as well as being the general manager of Netivei Neft. Mr. Tsur told them that, in his opinion, Continental should be sold. He noted that Mr. Friedman had sold Continental openly, and that he had kept both Dr. Dinstein and the Netivei Neft directorate informed of his moves at all times.

Questioned by Mr. Shamgar, and later Mr. Caspi, Mr. Tsur said that he was told no details about the actual deal between Mr. Friedman and Midbar, nor did he think that these were of any interest to him, since officially he had nothing at all to do with the sale.

"All I know is that, in 1969, we realized that the time had come to institute some organization into the state of affairs. The war was over, and we had come to the conclusion that if he (Friedman) wanted to stay on at Netivei Neft, he had to sell. He sold to the only buyer who was available at the time — Midbar. "Who else was available, "Lapidot?!" he asked.

Mr. Tsur said he knew nothing of Netivei Neft lending equipment to Continental while Mr. Friedman was the head of both companies, but said that he had heard that this was normal practice among Israeli oil companies.

He became somewhat irate when questioned by Mr. Caspi — for the third time — on thefts from Abu Rodeis and what steps the defence authorities had taken to stop them. After explaining that military police had been placed at the airfield and at roadblocks to conduct searches, he asked, "Are you now questioning whether the army did enough to prevent thefts?"

"Heaven forbid," replied Mr. Caspi.

Mr. Tsur was asked about the sale of planes — two Dakotas — to Netivei Neft by the Air Force, a sale, which the Neev complaint insinuates was not altogether legitimate. The Air Force, he said, had sold Netivei Neft two Dakotas in 1969 for $100,000 — a price which was thought to be worthwhile by both sides. The planes had been bought jointly by the Air Force and the Israel Aircraft Industries shortly before the war through a French Jew whose name he promised to find out later. All in all, 14 aircraft had been purchased, seven of which were sold to another country, and seven were kept by Israel. Of these, two were later sold to Netivei Neft.

Before the purchase, he said, Netivei Neft had hired two Dakotas from the Air Force at standard rates, and a helicopter which was used to ferry workers to offshore rigs.

When questioned by Mr. Shamgar about whether the price of $100,000 was considered a good one, Mr. Tsur replied: "It is not ethical to discuss business with a third party in front of the buyer."

"We are past the stage of ethical behaviour" said Mr. Shamgar with a smile.

New witness

Mr. Tsur's evidence was solidly behind Mr. Friedman, with the exception of his comment that the authorities should have been given the information which was deemed as so secret by Dr. Dinstein and other witnesses. During the closed session he apparently managed to put into perspective some of the decisions taken with regard to Netivei Neft at the time. Mr. Tsur is the first defence official to testify at the hearing, now in its fifth week.

Later in the morning, Yitzhak Levi, Managing Director of Machteshim, an oil equipment supplier, took the stand. In response to State Attorney Gavriel Bach's questions, he told the Commission of bribery, corruption and dubious dealings by Mr. Friedman, Netivei Neft and Midbar.

Mr. Levi, a slender man who speaks with his entire body, told the Commission how, shortly after Midbar had paid Mr. Friedman $700,000 for Continental, a certain Mr. Noah Cohen of Midbar offered him Continental's equipment for $900,000. "They couldn't use the equipment they bought," he said, "since drilling needs more than a rig. It needs services, and these they did not have." Not only had Cohen offered him Continental, he told the Commission members, who were obviously amused by Levi's mannerisms, but "he offered me a 300-day drilling option from Naphta as well, and promised me that if I bought the company I could recoup my expenses within two and a half years."

"I was highly sceptical" he said

Zvi Tsur

"Here they spend a fortune buying a drilling company to drill with, and they offer it to me so soon afterward." He said Cohen had also promised him to arrange for Continental's recognition as an authorized company, with the attendant tax concessions. "But how could he do this?" Mr. Levi asked the Commission. "The law stipulates that only companies using new equipment can be recognized as authorized — so I ask you, how could he promise?"

He had treated the entire offer as somewhat of a joke, he said. "Anyway, where was I going to get $900,000?"

He told the Commission that he had not discussed the value of Continental's equipment. "But I knew. Here we have an old and used rig, and at the same time the market is inundated with unused rigs. All I could have used Continental's equipment for was junk," he said, "and for junk one gets IL50 p.r ton." Mr. Levi had recently made enquiries from U.S. auctioneers, and had arrived at the figure of $32,000.

Realizing that he was overacting to some questions, he begged the Commission to excuse him — "this is my first time in court, you know" — but carried on regardless. Not only did Midbar not have the services necessary for drilling, he said, but they didn't have the slightest idea what drilling was all about. Until Cohen and his other partners were replaced by other managers in late 1969, they didn't have a clue about drilling nor prospecting.

They would not hire the services of Lapidot, he said, since Mr. Cohen had led him to believe that Midbar had been informed by "someone" that they were to deal through Netivei Neft, and only Netivei Neft. "They were totally dependent on Friedman for their smallest need," he said.

Bribes suspected

On and on he went, until he was stopped by the lunch break. Cohen was suspected by his fellow Midbar colleagues of accepting and giving bribes, he said. Midbar directors who had worked in other countries — "and I won't mention which, in case they feel insulted" — told him that there bribery was the order of the day, and had said that "they just can't understand where Friedman gets his power from." He told Mr. Bach, after being asked, that he had offered his services to Netivei Neft in 1967, and had been refused. "But that has nothing to do with anything," he was quick to add. "I will give my evidence according to what I know — I stand neither to win nor lose and am completely objective."

This view was not shared by Mr. Friedman's counsel, Mr. Yaacov Salomon, who smiled as he took notes during Mr. Levi's testimony, waiting for the chance to ask the questions himself.

The first to question Mr. Levi after lunch was Mr. Caspi, who led the witness to reveal that in 1966, after the Six Day Campaign, the Government had commandeered him to grade and value captured Egyptian oil equipment. The aim was to establish Mr. Levi's reliability. Mr. Caspi then took him over the conversation he had with Noah Cohen once more — and got him to repeat once more how "absurd" the proffered deal was.

As regards the true value of the ex-Continental rig, Mr. Levi suggested — in response to questioning — that the Commission ask for an independent valuation from the reputable American Association of Oilwell Drilling Contractors. He for his part could only repeat that it would have been far cheaper for Midbar — if they insisted on buying such a rig — to buy in the U.S., "where there are hundreds of them available."

Mr. Caspi sought to have Mr. Levi deny that he harboured any personal hatred for Motty Friedman — and Mr. Levi concurred. "It all passed two years ago," he declared, "when Motty Friedman made a deal with an American firm I was hoping to do business with. I say this looking him straight in the eyes." (turning and staring at Friedman).

Friedman (from the well of the court): "Look hard."

Salomon (to Friedman): "Keep quiet."

Caspi: "Why didn't you report on your conversation with Noah Cohen at the time?"

Levi: "People would have said, at that time, that it was just vengefulness on my part."

This reply did not seem to satisfy the Commission members, and both Justice Witkon and Mr. Kalir pressed Mr. Levi on this point — but made little progress.

Levi: "Who was I to tell? Dayan?"

Witkon: "You could have told Dr. Dinstein."

Kalir: "Or Mr. Sirkin."

The reply was also unsatisfactory to Mr. Salomon, who now rose to cross-examine.

Salomon: "You've known Mr. Israel Dickenstein for 20 years. Why didn't you tell him?"

Levi: "I didn't know he was chairman of Netivei Neft."

Business reasons

Salomon: "But you knew he was on the board." Mr. Levi had to admit that he did know this.

Salomon: "Why did you contact Mr. Dickenstein a few weeks ago?"

Levi: "I phoned him when the 'affair' began mushrooming and warned him that it was growing into a major public issue and he ought to send Friedman away on holiday or something. Mr. Dickenstein said he stood behind his General Manager. I said: 'Did you read my evidence to Ben-Ze'ev?' (Mr. Levi's evidence to Mr. Ben-Ze'ev, the former Attorney-General, who held an earlier inquiry into Netivei Neft, was similar to his evidence yesterday.) Mr. Dickenstein said he had. I asked: 'Why do you think I said what I did?' and he said: 'Business!'"

Salomon (to the Commission): "The 'business' was Mr. Friedman's having secured a lucrative partnership with Gerhard Owen Industries of Fort Worth which Mr. Levi hoped he would get."

A good deal of discussion followed — to establish that the partnership would have been worth $10,000 a year to Mr. Levi's company.

Mr. Salomon now turned to the value of the Continental rig.

Salomon: "When did you buy your cement machine?" Mr. Levi was apparently ready and waiting for this query. He dived into his case and pulled out his insurance policy for the cement machine. "I bought it in 1957 for $100,000, and it's now insured for IL50,000," he declared gleefully, waving the insurance slip at Mr. Salomon. Mr. Salomon took the slip, perused it for a moment, and then began waving it gleefully himself. "You only lowered the insurance to IL50,000 in May this year. Until then, the machine was insured for IL200,000. A 17-year-old machine, bought for $100,000 you insured for IL200,000.." Mr. Levi was visibly nonplussed.

Salomon: "Why were you so keen on writing to America to get valuations for the Continental rig? To 'knock' Motty Friedman?"

Levi: "To back up my evidence to Mr. Ben-Ze'ev."

Salomon: "Why did you say to Mr. Ben-Ze'ev that Midbar had had trouble from the rig, that it had broken down. It did not break down."

Levi: "I had heard..."

Witkon: "Do you mean to say you gave hearsay evidence? That invalidates everything you say. Whom did you hear it from? Give us names."

Mr. Levi mentioned the names of two of his company's employees, one of whom was sitting in the court. Mr. Bach now rose to his feet.

Bach quelched

Bach: "I think I ought to point out to the Commission that Mr. Sirkin said in his evidence that there was a breakdown in the rig..."

Salomon (shouting): "Whose side are you on?"

Witkon (harshly): Mr. Bach! It was not your place to say that. The witness must be allowed to give his answer unaided. Mr. Salomon is quite right.

Bach: "Sir, the witness had finished his answer, and I saw it as my duty to remind the Commission..." But Justice Witkon motioned the State Attorney to be seated and be silent.

Salomon: "Was it not your duty to tell Midbar of Mr. Cohen's 'offer' (which, Mr. Levi suspected, was to have involved a rake-off for Mr. Cohen)?"

Levi: "I think I did mention it to Oakes and Young (the Midbar men who came to Israel later). I can't remember."

Mr. Salomon ended by calling Mr. Levi's evidence "a fictitious story." Mr. Levi, undaunted, offered Mr. Salomon his hand to shake as he stepped off the stand, but Mr. Salomon refused. "Keep those ceremonies for outside," he said.

Here, however, Mr. Caspi rose to produce a new exhibit, which prima facie lends some weight to Mr. Levi's testimony. He submitted an internal telex from Midbar in the U.S. to their Israel office — dated July 1969, when Mr. Levi claims Midbar's Noah Cohen was trying to sell him the rig — referring to the firm's efforts to sell the rig to another U.S. company, Mayflower. This, said Mr. Caspi, showed conclusively, that Midbar did try to unload the rig virtually as soon as they bought it. There was no reaction from Mr. Salomon.

Witkon: "I see nothing wrong with their trying to sell it to Mr. Levi — for $900,000; they would have made a handsome profit."

Caspi: "The profit would entirely depend on the terms of drilling contracts they offered Mr. Levi. And as regards the attempt to sell it to Mayflower — I shall show the Commission at a later stage at what price they were prepared to sell it to them."

It was by now 4.30 p.m., and the next witness, Mr. Yeshurun Schiff, an ex-director of Netivei Neft, had been waiting in the court for almost two days to give his evidence. He took the stand, put the skullcap on — and waited while Commission-members and counsel debated whether it was worthwhile his beginning at this late time. Eventually, out of consideration for Mr. Schiff's feelings, it was decided that he begin.

Mr. Schiff said he had only sat on the Netivei Neft board for a few months in 1969. He is General Manager of the Eilat-Ashkelon Pipeline Company, and had wanted to improve relations between his firm and Netivei Neft. He retired from the board when he saw this was impossible.

An ex-police officer, Mr. Schiff was the sole director who had favoured calling the police in over the Danny Kimche episode (Kimche took some Netivei Neft equipment under suspicious circumstances. Netivei Neft decided to deal with the matter internally and Dr. Dinstein and Mr. Salman had agreed.) Mr. Schiff explained that he thought the police could have best cleared the doubts surrounding the episode.

Asked for his general impressions of the Netivei Neft board at the time, Mr. Schiff said he felt it had been "something of a rubber-stamp approving decisions which had already been taken elsewhere."

Bach: "By whom?"

Schiff: "By Dinstein, and others."

At the end of the hearing yesterday, Dr. Zvi Dinstein's counsel Mr. Ervin Shimron suggested that Commission members and counsel meet in private to discuss ways of speeding up the proceedings — and keeping them within the Commission's terms of reference.

Justice Witkon demurred. He could see no way of handling the inquiry other than the way it was laboriously advancing at present. He thought, looking through the list of witnesses still to come, that he could see the light at the end of the tunnel. "We might be through, apart from the American witnesses, by the end of next week," he ventured optimistically. Mr. Shimron said he was sure they would not, and the other attorneys seemed to agree with him.

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Ha'aretz (non-party) notes that despite its other problems the U.S. is not neglecting the search for a way out of the Middle East situation: "The Government should weigh whether it is completely unable to weaken several of its conditions for agreement to a partial settlement in the Canal area or if it must hold to all of them. We are not absolved of the responsibility for making some contribution towards a thaw in the region, and even the idea that we have an interest in stabilizing Sadat's authority is not fundamentally unacceptable."

Hamodia (Agudat Yisrael), referring to municipal elections in Judea-Samaria, writes: "There is a double political significance to the holding of the elections. In the first place, it shows that there is greater cooperation between the Israeli Administration and the local population. Secondly, it provides proof of the authorities' enhanced faith in the local Palestinian Arab leadership, to the extent that the latter has been allowed to organize without fear of this being adversely exploited."

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(4.30 — 7.15 — 9.30)

ALLENBY: The Red Tent; **ARMON DAVID**: Boulevard du Rhum; **BEN YEHUDA**: Tristana; **CHEN**: Fiddler on the Roof, 5.15, 8.45; **CINERAMA**: The House That Dripped Blood, 7.15, 9.30; **GAT**: Je suis un mari infidèle; **EDEN**: The Last Letter, 4, 6.45, 9; **ESTHER**: They Call Me Trinity; **GORDON**: Mourir d'aimer; **HOD**: Katz and Carasso; **MAXIM**: Little Big Man, 7.15, 9.30; **MOGRABI**: The Love Machine; **OPHIR**: For a Few Dollars More, 7, 9.30; **ORION**: The Chalk Social Club; **PARIS**: No Blade of Grass; **PEER**: Le souffle au coeur; **RAMAT AVIV**: Little Big Man, 7.15, 9.30; **SHDEROTH**: Blind Terror; **STUDIO**: Half and Half; **TCHELET**: Oh, What a Lovely War!; **TEL AVIV**: The Marriage of a Young Stockbroker; **ZAFON**: The Giant Films of M.G.M.; **ZAMIR**: The Reflections, 5.30, 7.30, 9.30.

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(4.00 — 6.45 — 9.00)

AMPHITHEATRE: The Last Run; **ARMON**: The McKenzie Break; **ATZMON**: Katz and Carasso; **BEIT ROTHSCHILD** Le journal d'une femme de chambre, 6.45, 9; **CHEN**: Half and Half; **MAY**: A New Leaf; **MIRON**: Light at the Edge of the World; **MORIAH**: The Baby Maker, 6.45, 9; **ORAH**: The Grasshopper; **ORION**: The Return of Monte Cristo; **ORLY**: Adalaine '31; **PEER**: Fiddler on the Roof, 5, 8.30; **RON**: Gimme Shelter; **SHAVIT**: The Great Elvis Show.

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SECOND PROGRAMME
457 and 423 M.

NEWS: 6.05, 7.00, 8.00, 9.00, 10.00, 11.00 and 12.00 a.m.; 1.00, 2.00, 3.00, 4.00, 5.00, 6.00, 9.00, 10.00, 11.00, 12.00 p.m. and 1.00 a.m.

FIRST PROGRAMME

11.13 a.m. Opening. 11.15 Programmes for Schools. 11.41 Song and Melody. 12.15 Programmes for schools. 12.35 Close Down.

1.58 p.m. Opening. 2.10 Mother and Child. 3.05 Listen to the Band. 4.04 A Place in the News. 4.15 "The musician at your disposal" — Josef Tal. 4.35 Talmud Lesson. 4.55 Book Review. 5.05 Recital — Sam Lovett — Cello: Ivan Malman — Piano — Beethoven: Sonata in D-minor for Piano opus 31, No. 2; Prokofiev: Sonata in C-major for Cello and Piano. 5.55 Announcements. 6.07 People and Numbers. 6.25 "Any Questions?" 6.55 For the Farmer — Daily News Service. 7.05 "This Day": People and Events in the News. 7.30 "A Bit of Music." 7.50 Bible Reading: Melachim II, chaps. 19 & 20. 8.09 Tonight's Programmes 8.10 Reminiscences of Eretz Yisrael. 8.30 "Towards the Concert" — Programme produced by Edna Anati. 8.30 The Israel Broadcasting Symphony Orchestra (Stereo) Bach: Brandenburg Concerto No. 6 (Conductor: Otto Klemperer); Stravinsky: "Pucinella" Ballet-Music (Soloists: Mordechai Ben-Shachar; Bibiana Goldenthal; Conductor: Mendi Rodan); Rachmaninov: Piano Concerto No. 4 (Soloist: Daniel Hoexter: Conductor: Noam Sheriff); Beethoven: Symphony No. 2 in D-major, op. 36 (Conductor: Mendi Rodan). 10.45 Poetry Anthology. 11.05 "Chamber Music" — Handel: Sonata in B-minor for Flute and Continuo (Jean Pierre Rampal — Flute); Beethoven: String Quartet opus 131 in C-sharp-minor (The "Amadeus" String Quartet. 12.05 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME

6.00 a.m. Religious Service. 6.10 Exercises. 6.20 Musical Clock. 6.55 Programme Announcements. 6.58 A Moment Poetry. 7.05 Press Review. 7.15 Hebrew Songs. 7.55 "Green Light." 8.10 "Good Morning." 8.55 "From A to Z." 9.05 "Good Morning" (cont.). 9.49 The Small Ad Corner. 10.05 Housewife's Corner. 12.07 Programme for the Worker and the Employer. 12.30 "At Midday" — News and Music. 2.03 Press Review 2.10 Where to Go. 2.35 This is Rivka Michaeli. 3.53 "Encore" — ed. by S. Rosen. 4.05 Oriental Songs — requests. 4.30 Quiz by S. Rosen. 4.35 Oriental Songs (cont.). 5.05 Entertainment from Abroad. — 5.07 "Mixed Notes." 6.40 Sport Corner. 6.49 Small Ad Corner. 6.59 Close Down.

9.05 p.m. "My Choice" — Guest: Eliahu Amikam (repeat). 10.04 "Ten Plus Club." 12.05 "Good Night" — Stories and Songs. 1.05 a.m. Close Down.

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407, 443 and 292 M.

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Arabic Programme: 5.58-7.00 a.m., 7.30-9.00 a.m., 10.58 a.m.-1.30 p.m., 2.30-8.30 p.m., 9.00 p.m.-02.15 a.m.

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ARMY PROGRAMME
216, 225 and 235 M.

11.00 a.m. Requests. 11.15 From the Hebrew Hit Parade. 11.30 It Happened. 11.35 Requests (cont.). 12.00 News. 12.05 Requests (cont.). 12.30 Private Eye and the Public Ear." 12.35 Requests (cont.). 1.00 News. 1.05 Thirty Plus (cont.). 1.30 Sport Corner. 1.35 Thirty Plus (cont.). 1.55 Announcements for Soldiers. 2.00 News. 2.05 Personal Announcements. 2.10 Close Down.

2.57 p.m. Opening. 3.00 News. 3.05 Please Call — with Edna Shavit. 4.00 News. 4.05 Please Call (Cont.). 5.00 News. 5.05 Requests. 5.40 Zahal's Diary. 6.00 News. 6.05 Personal File — Raphael Bashan Interviews. 7.00 News. 7.05 From Him to You — special requests. 8.00 News. 8.05 Songs and melodies. 8.30 Jazz. 9.00 News. 9.05 Personal Questions. 10.00 News. 10.05 'Noah's Ark." 11.00 News. 11.05 Let's Talk with Nathan Donewitz. 12.00 News. 12.05 a.m. Close Down.

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238 M. (Medium Wave)

5.00 a.m. The Breakfast Show (News, Music, Topical Reports and Features). 9.00 News and Topical Reports.

4.00 News in Special English. 4.15 Special English Feature. 4.30 The NOW Sound. 5.00 Report to South Asia. 6.00 News in Special English. 6.15 Special English Feature. 11.00 Report to the Middle East, Africa, Europe. 12.00 News in Special English. 12.15 Special English Feature. 12.30 Music U.S.A. (Popular). 1.00 News and Topical Reports. 1.15 Music U.S.A. (Jazz). 2.00 Close Down.

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'If only I'd stopped at Sussita's...'

Shubinsky baffles his Knesset interlocutors

By DAVID KRIVINE
Jerusalem Post Economic Correspondent

After a third (and final) day of grilling by the Knesset Economic Committee yesterday, Mr. Yitzhak Shubinsky, deposed managing director of Autocars emerged apparently unscathed having baffled his interrogators with confident and factual answers to their long list of loaded questions.

Committee member Avraham Silberberg (Labour) was brought to ask at the end, half-humorously, "Isn't there anything you did wrong? Cannot you concede us a single mistake?"

To which Mr. Shubinsky replied, after a moment of reflection: "The greatest mistake of my life was buying into Til and Leyland-Ashdod. If only I had contented myself with my own Sussita plant, that I built up in Tirat Carmel..."

What had gone wrong with the car-making complex?

"When we folded, we had orders for IL100m. over the next six months. We lacked working capital. Had the Government loaned us what it is now giving the official receiver, this collapse need never have happened," Shubinsky reiterated.

He said there had been a newspaper campaign, fed (he believes) by the Transport Ministry, which — since Mr. Ezer Weizman left — had become inexplicably hostile to Israel's car industry. The banks saw the trend, and started tightening credit.

"You say that you bought Til against your will," Mr. Yehuda Sha'ari (ILP), Deputy Minister of Tourism said. "What did you pay, and what was its true value?"

"I paid IL12.5m., and borrowed from the Government another IL4m. of working capital. It was worth IL5m. less," Shubinsky said. Asked why he paid so much, he said, "The Government had just improved its protection of the local motor industry, perhaps on purpose. I thought we could assemble the Mini-Minor, produce an 1,800 c.c. British car in place of the Lark, and go on manufacturing car springs. I calculated that in three or four years' time, Til could become a really profitable enterprise.

"Instead, every three or four months after we took it over, the Government diminished our tax protection, so that the Mini-Minor project became uneconomic."

Asked why the Ford plant in Nazareth continues operating successfully, Mr. Shubinsky said: "Because they just do assembly work. We manufacture. The Sussita has a 70 per cent added value. Official policy favours assembly work and penalizes those who deepen production. Even our Triumph is protected against our own Sussita," he declared.

Replying to another question, he said he owes the Government IL19.5m., including the IL16.5m. used for buying Til. He denied that he received a loan of IL2.5m. from the Government to compensate the workers at Til for a changed wage system, paid them IL1.5m. and kept the rest. "There was no Government loan. We got a loan from Koor, which we repaid," he stated.

Mr. Shmuel Tamir (Free Centre): "Did you make any contribution to political parties?"

Answer: "No."

"Even indirectly, through advertisements in party newspapers?"

Answer: "We advertised in all the papers, including 'Ha'aretz,' though it defamed us all the time. Had your party possessed a paper, Mr. Tamir, we would have advertised there as well."

He then explained, one by one, the price reductions and other benefits that Mr. Tamir alleged he gave to a list of stated individuals. When he came to the chauffeur of former Transport Minister Moshe Carmel, Shubinsky said the man had not paid at all, so the car was repossessed. Then he burst out: "What possible benefit could I get from making reductions to a minister's chauffeur?"

Mr. Tamir, not for the first time, lost his temper and said: "You have bribed half the State — and still ask these questions?"

Mr. Shubinsky: "This is a very serious and lying accusation."

The committee chairman, Mr. Avraham Shechterman (Gahal), called Mr. Shubinsky to order, explaining that Mr. Tamir was covered by parliamentary immunity. "After all, you sent him to the Knesset," Mr. Shechterman joked.

"I won't next time," Mr. Shubinsky retorted with a grin.

Official denial

The Transport Ministry yesterday denied the charges levelled at the Ministry by Mr. Shubinsky at yesterday's hearing. "Since January, 1971, there has been a general uniform policy on production and assembly of cars and no plant has been preferred or discriminated against," the Ministry spokesman said.

He reported that the Ministry legal adviser has been asked to examine the possibility of prosecuting Mr. Shubinsky for his statements.

Soap bubbles fill the courtyard of the Rosary Sisters Convent in Jerusalem yesterday morning, as Toy Fund gifts are distributed. Pictured at the top are The Post's Issachar Iwas, Helen Rossi and Mother Superior Gustave. (Tubi photo)

TOTAL PUSHING IL30,000

Toy Fund brings cheer to convents

By HELEN ROSSI
Jerusalem Post Women's Editor

Jerusalem Post staffers spent yesterday morning bringing Toy Fund cheer to two convents in Jerusalem — St. Vincent de Paul and the Rosary Sisters — and were rousingly cheered in return. Another convent, Tzippori, high in the Hills of Galilee, will have their boxful of toys distributed before Christmas, through the courtesy of Bishop Hanna Kaldany of the Latin Vicariate of Nazareth.

Our mailbags seem to be erratic — even locally posted letters seem to be taking four or five days to arrive, with overseas ones definitely delayed. Nevertheless IL1,441.40 arrived yesterday, which brings the total so far to IL29,187.1.

Though Hanukka is over, would-be donors to the Toy Fund are still not too late. We are eager to have your gift, for there is still so much more to be done.

Our list of yesterday's donors includes:

TOY FUND LIST

$72 — four times Ha[illegible] the Keren Am[illegible] Fund [illegible] Solomon Schechter [illegible] Greater Boston [illegible] Jewish Centre, Elm [illegible] N.Y. [illegible]

$25 — Mr. & Mrs. Benjamin Milstein, Belmont, Mass.

IL100 — Solel [illegible] Ltd. Haifa.

$18 — Helen Kallman, Chicago — in memory of her father, Rabbi Shlomo Gross, Grand Rapids.

$10 — Meir Strahlberg, New York City. Mr. & Mrs. Aron Cohen and their children, Craig, Stuart & Dana of New York.

IL36 — In honour of the children who will enjoy the toys — Esther Barre, Ramat Gan.

IL35 — N.N., Bet Yitzhak

IL30 — Sam Strauss; George and Ruth Lerner; Netanya. In memory of our unforgettable sister Irene — Co. & G.K.

IL25 — Dr. & Mrs. Israel Goldstein, Jerusalem [illegible] Yael & Shay Klajman, Herzliya Bet.

IL22 — Ed Nobil & Barney Greenberg, Netanya

$5 — Charlotte Quint, Belmont, Mass. Rabbi & Mrs. B. Morgenstern — in honour of our grandchildren, Students of Talmud Torah Sons of Israel, Bensonhurst, Brooklyn.

IL20 — Jocelyn and Daniela Berner, Jerusalem — in memory of their grandfather Alex.

IL18 — Dr. Bernhard and Alice Zazula — in memory of Harry Zazula. Mr. & Mrs. Fred Moses in honour of 1 year of friendship between our two daughters Nina (1) & Gabrielle (1) and between Yonatan (1) & David (1) Witztum of Beersheba.

IL15 — David (9), Elana (6) and Talya (4 months) Levine, Jerusalem.

£1 — Mr. & Mrs. Maurice Corne Birmingham — in cherished memory of their beloved daughter, Stephanie.

IL10 — Natan Shapiro, Netanya. Eli and Sally Kun, Hadar Am. Dr. Rudolf Kraus, Ramat Gan — in memory of my late wife Else Kraus. Sarah & Simon Schindler, Birmingham, U.K. Michael, Moshe, Ron & Stan Katz, Savyon.

IL5 — Dr. & Mrs. H. Levine — in the name of our granddaughters, Tamir and Sivi Levine. Vanda and Joseph Baruch — in loving remembrance of their son, Shlomo. N.N., Bet Yitzhak. The Franck children, Netanya. Clara Haya & Monica Esther Bronstein, Herzliya Bet. Leora Sahar, Eilat. Arieile Zucker, Haifa.

Suspect remanded in Netanya ulpan murder

By ABRAHAM YAHEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

NETANYA. — Police have arrested a suspect in last week's ulpan murder case. A local magistrate yesterday remanded Calfou Jerby, 27, an unskilled labourer who lives with his parents at Shikun Dora here, for 15 days. He is suspected of murdering Flora Goldschmidt, 42, a recent immigrant from Mexico, whose partially charred body was found on a garbage heap near the beach last week. She had been studying at the Ben Yehuda Ulpan, with her husband. The couple have two sons.

Jerby has no criminal record and is cooperating with the police, it was learned.

The turning point in the investigation came when a nurse at a local hospital recalled that she had been attacked by a man some months ago. Since she had succeeded in warding off her assailant, she did not report the incident to police. When she heard about the murder, she assisted police in making an Identikit portrait of the man who had attacked her.

In their search on Saturday, the police came to Jerby's house. He at first denied any connection with the crime, but a check of his house revealed a pair of men's shoes which fit the footprints found near the scene of the crime. Police also found a woman's wristwatch among Jerby's effects, which Mr. Goldschmidt identified as having belonged to his wife.

Police yesterday morning staged a reconstruction of the crime at the site where the body was found. A blood-stained spade used to bury the victim had been found near the spot. A *post mortem* showed that the victim had not been raped before she was killed.

Calfou Jerby (front right, wearing no jacket), surrounded by police officers, in Netanya yesterday.

80 stolen TV sets found same night

TEL AVIV. — Eighty television sets, valued at about IL120,000, which were stolen Saturday night from the Philco factory here, were found by police on Sunday night.

When workers came to the factory on Sunday morning they discovered a huge hole in the wall of one of the warehouses. Police assumed the thieves used a van to haul the sets away. A policeman spotted a suspicious looking van parked on Sderot Yerushalayim in Yaffa and inside he saw that it was loaded with TV sets. Police set up a trap and during the night arrested two men who tried to start the lorry and drive it away. *(Itim)*

929 dirty food cases in 1971

By ASHER WALLFISH
Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The courts found food manufacturing firms guilty of hygiene violations in 929 cases during the first 10 months of 1971, and imposed fines totalling IL227,000. Tnuva — the Histadrut-affiliated cooperative dairies — were responsible for 73 of these cases and for a total of IL23,000 in fines, Health Minister Victor Shemtov said in the Knesset yesterday, in reply to a parliamentary question from Dr. Yehuda Ben-Meir (N.R.P.).

Mr. Shemtov said that, since the Ministry's Food Service was set up three years ago, supervision of food manufacturers became more intensive, and hence the number of cases and of fines increased too. At present, he added, 1,000 more cases are pending or going through the courts. The Minister made it obvious — for the second time this month — that the Commerce Ministry was at present the main obstacle in getting a new Food Law (with sharper teeth) tabled in the Knesset.

Also at question-time, Mr. Shemtov made these other points:

- Public campaigns to collect funds to send special patients abroad for treatment should be encouraged. There is little hope next year, in the tight budgetary situation, of the Ministry helping subsidize such patients' trips, or adding any new medical facilities to the existing ones (to Mr. Nissim Eliad — I.L.P.).
- The World Health Organization will send three specialists in environmental health to help establish a National Environmental Health Research Institute here (to Mr. Yosef Tamir — Gahal).
- The Ministry does not intend, at this stage, to ban the use of washing powders with an enzyme content ("bio"), since there are no reports of them having affected housewives adversely; and the only complaints involved are based on individual allergies (to Dr. Ben-Meir).

Chess tourney starts in Haifa next Monday

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The 16th national chess championships open here on Monday at the Abba Khoushy centre. After the first five days of play, the championship will move to Tel Aviv, where the ninth Women's Championship will also be played.

Sixteen players will compete in the finals. Four masters will take part on the strength of their past performances, while others won their finals ticket in the preliminary round.

Heads of the Israeli Chess Association told a press conference here yesterday that all the finalists are under 40, and include two surprises, both 17-year-old Ramat Gan high school pupils Arieh Lev and Moritz Doron, both now candidate masters, got special dispensations from their headmasters to be absent from school for the fortnight-long tournament.

Shimon Cagan, 29, one of five international masters in Israel, is defending champion. The Israel chess selected, which will go to Skopje for the International Chess Olympiad next September, will be chosen from among the finalists.

The speakers told *The Post* that there are a number of excellent players among the new immigrants from Russia. Two took part in the preliminaries but were eliminated in the semi-finals. They are expected to do better when they are properly settled down, the officials said.

TEL AVIV STOCKS

Koor goes glamorous as 1966 dividend is announced

Jerusalem Post Financial Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Koor yesterday became a "glamour stock" on the market. The company, in a dry announcement which none the less made the members of the stock exchange perk up their ears, stated that its forthcoming general meeting would approve a dividend for the 1966/67 fiscal year on its 6.5 per cent cumulative shares.

Since these shares were pegged to the dollar at a time when the dollar-pound ratio was 1:1.80, the dividend is not 6.5 per cent in reality — but 15 per cent (since the dollar-pound ratio is now 1:4.20).

Moreover, the company said, the Board of Directors was considering paying an interim dividend on account of the 1967/68 fiscal year, and the Board is to meet soon to thrash out ways of paying for the remaining years — that is, 1968/69, 1969/70, 1970/71, and 1971/72, which will soon be finished. If there were a 15 per cent dividend for each of the six years, it would mean a 90 per cent dividend for anyone holding any Koor stock (if the company actually finds a way to pay all its outstanding dividends).

There was no trading yesterday in Koor stock, to allow the brokers to digest these facts; but, on Sunday, the stock stood at 110 — whereas two weeks ago it stood at 91.

The Koor announcement had some side-effects. Other companies with cumulative shares, which had not paid recent dividends, began to rise. For example, Rassco (12,000) gained 1.0 to 57.5 and then rose to 58.5. Solel Boneh bonus bearer was firm in the opening round but rose from 77 to 82 in the variables. And Phoenicia bonus bearer rose in the variables from 65.5 to 68. Two other shares also rose appreciably. One was Lapidot, registered, which remained firm in the opening round but rose from 107.5 to 113 in the variables; the other was Ata "C" (12,000), which gained 1.5 to 111.5 and then rose to 113.5.

The Koor news even overshadowed the importance of events in Rehov Lilienblum. Here the dollar fell to IL4.49-50 (it was IL4.54 the previous day), and the DM fell by five points to IL1.45. Although a kilogramme of gold was IL6,600, there were indications that it would fall to IL6,500.

The investment dollar fell by five points to IL4.26, when $170,000 was offered, and some $73,900 was picked up. Dollar-linked bonds dropped, but index-linked rose slightly. The turnover in bonds was IL1,943,900. The turnover in stocks was IL543,200; of this, IL207,200 was in the variables.

The general index of share prices rose by 0.53 per cent to stand at 154.43.

	19.12.71	20.12.71
LINKED TO THE DOLLAR		
5% Dead Sea Junior	199	195.8
6% Electric Corp. Tranche A	124.5	124.5
6% Electric Corp. Tranche B	125.8	127.5
LINKED to the C.o.L. INDEX (Capital and Investment)		
Milve Kilta 1965	164.3	164.1
Bitahon 1968	120.6	120.6
Bitahon 1969	122.7	122.5
SHARES		
Electric Corp. — O.	57.5	57
Union Bank of Israel — O.	129.5	130.5
Otsar Hit. Hayehudim — O S.	190.5	190.5
I.D.B. Co. — O.	140.5	140.5
Gen. Mortgage Bank — O.	145.5	145.5
Pal.-British Bank — O.	146	146
Israel Discount Bank — "A" O.	280	280
Mizrachi Bank Ltd. — O.	138	138
Carmel Mort. & In. Bk. — "O"	114	115
Bank Leumi — "A" O.S.	243.5	243.5
Mg. & In. Bk. for Bldg.—"D" O.	102.5	104
Bank Hapoalim — 10% P.O.	226	228
Industrial Dev. Bk. — 8% P.O.	85	86.5
Develop. & Mortg. Bank — O.T.	178.5	175
Housing Mortg. Bank — O.	147.5	147.5
G.U.S.-Rassco — O.	89.5	93.5
Israel Cent. Tr. & Inv.	128.5	128
Hassneh Insurance Co. — O.	117	117
Wolfson, Clore, Mayer—O. IL1	102	102
Wolfson, Clore, Mayer—O. IL10	58	58
Tefahot Isr. Mor. Bank 8% P.O.	136	142.5
Tefahot Is. Mortg. Bank — O.	134.5	138
Sahar — "C" O.	95.5	95.5
Azorim — O.	88.5	80
Africa-Pal. Investment—O. IL10	148	149
Israel Land Dev. Co. — O.R.	118	117
Isr. Land Dev. Co. — 60/61 O.T.	117.5	113.5
I.C.P. Israel Citrus Plant.—O.	56	56
Property & Build. Corp. — O.	139	141.5
Mehadrin	145	145
Pri Or Ltd.	129.5	129.5
Anglo-Israel Investors — O.	96	96
Rassco — 8% P.O.T.	56.5	57.5
Rassco — O.	39	38
Isras	—	—
Neot Aviv — O.	40	39.5
Alliance — B.T.	550	615.5
"Elco" Isr.El.-Mech. In.—O.T.	83.5	89.5
"Argaman" — 8% P.O.T.	180	180
"Ata" — "C" O.	111	111.5
Motor House — O.	51	52.6
Dubek — 8% P.O.T.	188	188
Cold Stor. & Supp. Co.—O. IL10	92.5	92.5
Elect. Wire & Cable Co. — O.	114.5	114.5
Solel Boneh — 10% "A" P.O.	122	125
Lighterage Supply Co. — O.	73.5	73.5
Chemicals & Phosphates — O.	50.5	50.5
Lewin Epstein — 8% P.O.T.	60.5	59.5
Moller Textile — O.	126.5	126.5
Nechushtan — 8% P.O.T.	142.5	137
Teva — O.T.	792	792
Phoenicia — 8% P.O.T.	65.5	65.5
Paper Mills — O.	173.5	173
Assis "B" — O.	160.5	160.5
Shemen 8% — P.O.T.	75.5	75.5
"Tsal" Man. of Plywood — O.	114.5	114
Delek "C" — O.	123	122
Elgar — O.	56.5	56.5
Elern Invest. Co. — O.	127	128
Bank Hapoalim Inv. Co. — O.	140.5	140.5
Export Bank Inv. Co. — O.	46	46
Pal. Investment Develop. — O.	68.5	68
Ampa Investment — O.	78	78.5
Discount Bank Inv. Cor. — O.T.	164	164
Japhet Bank Invest. Co. — O.	130	130
Bank Leumi Invest. C. — O.	179.5	179.5
Foreign Trade Invest. C. — O.	61.5	61.5
Mizrahi Inv. Corp. — O.	114	114
Hapoel Hamizrahi Inv. C. — O.	40	40
"Piryon" Inv. Trust—"B" Sh.	51	51.5
Clal Isr. Inv. Co. — O.	99	99
Naphtha — O.T.	84	84
Lapidoth — O.	106.5	107.5

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Technion student can't say if dad headed Indian fleet

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The son of an Indian Jewish rear admiral said here yesterday that he could not confirm reports that his father had commanded Indian naval forces blockading East Pakistan in the Bay of Bengal during the Indo-Pakistani war.

Dick Samson, 24, an architecture student at the Technion, told *The Post* that his father, 53-year-old Adm. Benjamin Abraham Samson, had resigned from the Indian Navy three years ago, after completing a term as flag officer of the Fleet, the second-highest post in the Indian Navy. Since then, Adm. Samson has been in the active reserves. Dick said he has not received mail from home since the outbreak of the war almost three weeks ago, and did not know whether his father had been recalled to active duty.

He said that his father was manager of a big military complex, the Mazagon Naval Dockyards in Bombay which is building the modern new Leander-class frigates for the Indian Navy in cooperation with Britain and Dutch experts.

As a youth, the elder Samson [illegible] merchant marine and served in the Royal Navy during World War II. On independence he was commissioned in the Indian Navy. Samson was promoted to rear admiral in 1959, the youngest man to hold that rank in the Indian Navy. Adm. Samson served as commandant of the Indian National Defence College and was appointed flag officer of the fleet in 1965. He retired after three years, [illegible] because he had reached the top of the ladder and could go no higher." The Mazagon yards, which he manages, completed its first two Leander frigates before the British had done so, because of strikes in the British yards.

During the previous war with Pakistan, Adm. Samson was flag officer of the fleet, but no naval engagements were fought.

QUITE A FEW JEWS

Dick said that in India, military service is voluntary and there were "quite a few Jews" in uniform. "There is no Jewish tradition of military service and their absolute number is not very great — because there are not many Jews in India. But I believe the percentage of Jewish military men in India is higher than what I imagine it to be in the West." In addition to his father, Dick mentioned Maj. Gen. J.F.R. Jacob, Chief of Staff of the Indian Eastern Command, as a ranking Jewish officer.

He did not think that this had influenced the intention of the New Delhi government, reported yesterday to grant full diplomatic recognition to Israel. "The army does not influence policy," he said.

Dick, who has a younger brother and sister in Bombay, said his father's military career had not been slowed by his Jewishness. "India is a secular state and a man's religion is not important." Dick's non-Jewish uncle is a senior officer in the navy. But [illegible] the senior post. [illegible]

Dick settled in Israel [illegible] years ago, following a visit after the Six Day War. After studying Hebrew [illegible] he registered at the Technion, where he is now a second-year architecture student.

Wizo campaign opens today

For the first time in its 50-year history Wizo [illegible] its annual fund-raising campaign in Israel, which is being launched today. Mrs. Raya Yag[illegible], president of World Wizo, announced at a press conference in Tel Aviv yesterday that the budget for 1972 [illegible] will amount to IL[illegible], an increase of IL[illegible] over last year.

Plans for next year include the establishment of 15 new day creches and 16 youth centres in various parts of the country.

LAW REPORT

The Jerusalem Post's Law Report, which usually appears on Tuesday, will be published in tomorrow's edition.

Lung ailments rank second to heart disease

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Lung diseases rank second after heart disease in the U.S. in causing disabilities — and a similar situation is rapidly developing in Israel. Yet in neither country does the fight against lung diseases receive anywhere near the funds which are given to combat heart diseases.

This was stated [illegible] conference yesterday [illegible] of more than 200 doctors from Israel and abroad attending a four-day international symposium on [illegible] Tel Aviv University.

[illegible]

Dr. L.E. [illegible]

[illegible] under the guidance of a competent specialist." Strangely enough, the patients' lungs showed no physiological improvement, yet after undertaking a regular regime of guided exercise, they "began to work better, feel better, and psychologically patients overcame their fear of short breath."

Despite the fact that lung diseases had assumed such importance, a new problem, that of chest specialists, was only now emerging. A former specialty, in tuberculosis, had gradually disappeared as this dread disease had been brought under control.

"Nevertheless," one doctor said, "the immigrants arriving at present from the U.S.S.R. have a high incidence of active tuberculosis." At present there were some 22,000 [illegible] active or inactive TB in Israel, it was stated.

Two men jailed for robbery and raping prostitute

TEL AVIV. — Two young men [illegible] a prostitute and her [illegible] then [illegible] and raped [illegible] were sent to jail by the [illegible] yesterday. Ron [illegible] 19, was sentenced to [illegible] and Menahem Lev, 23, [illegible] are from Petah Tikva. [illegible] took place off the [illegible] Road on May 5. The two [illegible] the whole driver and [illegible] a prostitute at the [illegible] The [illegible] the [illegible] Mizrahi, at gunpoint, [illegible] raped the woman and [illegible] money.

[illegible] pleaded guilty at [illegible] trial but confessed [illegible] course of the hearings. [illegible]

Jerusalem builders get Pfefferman Prize

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A former Jerusalem city engineer and a veteran building contractor [illegible] yesterday awarded the Pfefferman Prize for their contribution to building in the Capital.

The two, who received IL1,000 [illegible] ceremony in Town Hall, [illegible] Lewin and Avraham [illegible] Goldwitz. The former [illegible] now [illegible] adviser to Mayor Teddy Kollek. Mr. [illegible] who has been building in Jerusalem since 1924, constructed [illegible] the Jewish Agency and the King David Hotel.

WALL STREET

Closing Mon., December 20, 1971

N.Y. stocks up 11 points

NEW YORK. — Stocks were up sharply in heavy trading. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up over 11 points. It shot up 15 points yesterday morning before profit-taking cut the gain to six points early this afternoon.

The slip this afternoon was due to a combination of profit-taking and the fact that many institutions cancelled their buy orders when the market went up so sharply earlier today. A surge of stock buying from abroad was a prime factor in the rise.

The currency realignment plan reached in Washington over the week-end removed one of the prime factors inhibiting a strong Stock Market rise.

The number of shares traded amounted to 23,820,000. Advancing issues led declining issues 1,207 to 348. The D.J.I.A. was up 11.21 points and closed at 885.01.

Addressogr.	[illegible]	Dupont	153¾	Litton Ind.	23	RCA	37⅝
Amirre	[illegible]	East. Airlins	23⅞	Lockheed	9½	Rep. Steel	21⅝
Alcoa	[illegible]	Ekodak	89¼	Loews	43⅞	Reynolds T.	60¼
Amer. Can.	[illegible]	Fair Cam.	27½	Marcor	31⅞	Sears Roe.	101¼
Amer. Mot.	[illegible]	Fair Hill	9¾	Maremont	31⅞	Solit. Dev.	12⅞
Ampex	[illegible]	F.I. Nt. Mtg	85⅞	Martin Mar.	19⅜	Sperry Rnd	31⅞
Amer. B & D	[illegible]	1st Ch. Fin.	[illegible]	McCrory	27⅞	Stonj	74
Amer. T. & T	[illegible]	Ford Mot.	70⅝	McCul. Oil	26⅞	Syntex	84⅞
Anaconda	[illegible]	Gen. Bat.	20⅞	McDon-D.	34⅞	Teledyne	33⅞
Atlantic Rich.	[illegible]	Gen. Elec.	66⅞	Miles Lab.	46⅞	Telex Corp.	13
Aramera	[illegible]	G. Fs. Corp.	33⅞	Minn.MM	123⅞	Texas Gulf	16⅝
Avco	[illegible]	Gen. Instr.	21	Monsan.	46⅞	Texas Instru.	123⅞
Bausch & L.	[illegible]	Gen. Mot.	79⅞	Motorola	84	Time Inc.	54⅞
Beth. Stl.	[illegible]	Gillette	37⅞	Murphy Ind.	8⅞	Transamerica	18⅞
Boeing Co.	[illegible]	Glen Alden	10⅞	Natomas	72⅞	Transwair	42⅞
Burroughs	[illegible]	W. R. Grace	25⅞	Occ. Pet. C.	11⅞	U.N. Carbide	42⅞
Brunswick	[illegible]	G. W. Fin.	28	Olin Corp.	17⅞	US Smelting	21⅞
Celanese	[illegible]	Homest. Min.	18⅞	Otis Elev.	40⅞	Unit. Aircft	37⅞
Chrysler	[illegible]	IBM	341⅞	Pac. Petr.	30⅞	US Steel	31⅞
Coca-Cola	[illegible]	Int. Paper	31⅞	Panam WA	11⅞	Westg. Elec	47
Comsat	[illegible]	Int. T & T	58⅞	Penn-Centrl.	5	Witco. Chem	26⅞
Cont. Data	49	Itek Corp.	40⅞	Pennziol Un.	21⅞	Woolworth	47⅞
Ct. Wright	[illegible]	Kenn. Copper	24⅞	Phil. Petro.	30⅞	Xerox Co.	125
Daylin	[illegible]	Lilly & Co.	80⅞	Polaroid	98⅞	Zapata	31⅞
Dow. Chem.	[illegible]	Ling T. Vght	9⅞	Raytheon C.	38⅞	Zenith Rad.	46⅞

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'Black Hebrews' to be ordered out 'in stages'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

All the "Black Hebrews" whose tourist visas have expired are expected to be ordered to leave the country "in stages," according to informed sources in Jerusalem. But each case will be considered individually, it was said.

A total of some 300 members of the sect, including children, all U.S. nationals, are now in Israel, mostly living in Dimona.

An Interior Ministry spokesman yesterday said the group of eight that was arrested in Jericho Sunday was served with deportation orders and taken to Ramle where they were living in "hotel conditions." This was arranged at the special request of the Minister of Interior since the group included children. Amending information received earlier from other official sources, the spokesman said the eight persons (not seven families, as reported yesterday) include one whole family — two parents and their five children — and another, unrelated adult.

He said that deportation orders, signed by the Minister on Thursday, were expected to be served yesterday or today on 12 others living in Dimona. They include a mother and three children, a father and daughter, and six unattached adults. Their tourist visas expired at least three weeks ago, it was said. The spokesman said others of the sect who had been here for a longer time — some for over two years — were there as "visitors."

Those who are served deportation orders have three days in which to appeal to the High Court for a temporary injunction against the Minister of Interior. If the appeal fails, and the deportees still refuse to leave, they will be forcibly placed on a plane.

Lipsky ruling this week

The Minister of Interior is expected this week to rule on the application for immigrant status by Mr. Claude Lipsky, the French financier whose extradition has been sought by the French authorities. Mr. Lipsky's three-month tourist visa expires on Saturday.

The voluminous French material attached to the extradition request is still being studied by Justice Ministry officials.

According to legal circles, the requests for immigrant status and for extradition could be ruled on separately. That is, granting Lipsky immigrant status would not necessarily prevent him from being extradited. It is possible, for example, to grant an immigrant visa to a person who was convicted and who served a prison sentence abroad.

In the case of Lipsky, the Justice Minister has now to rule whether there is *prima facie* evidence for extradition — and, if so, to submit the case for a Supreme Court decision. The Interior Minister has to rule whether Mr. Lipsky has a "criminal past, liable to endanger public peace," as stated in the Law of Return — which would make him ineligible for immigrant status.

'Staple foods won't rise in price'

There will be no increase in the price of staple foodstuffs, Price Controller Moshe Mandelbaum said yesterday. He was denying a press report that also said that various other grocery items would rise in price by an average of three per cent.

Dr. Mandelbaum pointed out that, at a meeting with representatives of the Merchants Association, it had been decided that there would be no change in the price of food staples. The merchants had even agreed to support the publication of a list of these prices, he said.

A committee which will include representatives of the consumers associations will examine the price of a number of non-staple items, which the merchants claim have been affected by the devaluation. The committee will also investigate the possibility of reducing the prices of a number of high-profit items.

Israel XI to meet German champions

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The German soccer champions, Borussia Munchen-Gladbach, rated one of the best teams in Europe, will field one Dane and five German internationals against the Israeli selected at Bloomfield Stadium in Jaffa tonight. The match, by floodlight, will kick off at 7 p.m.

The German line-up includes: Vogts (voted the best footballer of the year in Germany), Netzer, Wimer, Sieloff, goalkeeper Kleff and Lefevre of Denmark.

Israel's lineup includes: Visoker, Bar, Bello, Schwager, Rosen, Ninio, Shum, Spiegel, Kalderon, Spiegler, Feigenbaum and Borba.

Meanwhile, the Football Association High Court on Sunday night overruled the F.A. Disciplinary Committee and considered the "A" League match between Petah Tikva Maccabi and Kiryat Shmona as postponed, instead of giving the Galilee club a win. The Disciplinary Committee had ruled that Kiryat Shmona won the game. This decision is now void, and the clubs have been called to arrange a rematch.

Holon children take advantage of a "lake" of rain water in an empty lot to do some boating in improvised craft. (Israel Sun)

Gaza Mayor still under investigation

By H. BEN ADI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

GAZA. — Gaza Mayor Rashad Shawa said yesterday that the investigation of his alleged connections with terrorists had not yet ended, and that he had been told it could take another two months. Mr. Shawa said in an interview with *The Jerusalem Post* that his passport had been confiscated, but he was free to move around Israel as long as he informed the authorities where he could be reached.

Mr. Shawa has been under investigation since a terrorist leader, Ziad Husseini, committed suicide in the cellar of the Mayor's residence a month ago.

Mr. Shawa said that he viewed the acts of terror in Gaza as protests against the occupation, but he strongly condemned attacks on civilians. Some terrorist leaders were true patriots, but others — especially those from outside the Strip — were "plain bandits," he said.

The Mayor said that the Sinai and the Golan Heights should be returned to their "rightful owners." But the Gaza Strip and the West Bank should be placed under a U.N. protectorate for five years, to give the Palestinians the chance to decide on their own future "whether to join Jordan or Israel, or be independent."

Katyusha damage repaired quickly

Jerusalem Post Reporter

KIRYAT SHMONA. — Electric Corporation and Local Council workers yesterday repaired street lighting in the Dalet Quarter here, which was damaged by a Katyusha rocket on Sunday evening. The rocket exploded on an interior road in the quarter, and the blast blew out windows, tore down electric lines and damaged a lorry belonging to Kfar Giladi, which was parked on the street. The walls of several houses were pock-marked by pieces of shrapnel.

Two residents of the same quarter were killed by two Katyusha shells on September 2, 1969.

The Post Military Correspondent adds:

The 130 mm. Katyusha rocket fired on Kiryat Shmona on Sunday night was the first since August, 1970. It was fired apparently from the Lebanese border near Metulla, some 8.5 km. from the target — almost at the end of Katyusha range. The marauders must have come from "Fatahland" and returned there as quickly as they could.

Lebanon is the only Arab state which hesitates to act against the Fatah. Jordan keeps its border tight, and Syrian territory is virtually impassable after the recent rains and snow.

Pressure to cancel Goldmann's speech

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Zionist Executive yesterday requested a transcript of Dr. Nahum Goldmann's remarks this week on Russian Jewry before reconsidering the invitation extended to him to address the World Zionist Congress in Jerusalem next month.

Dr. Goldmann's reported remarks calling on World Jewry to stop urging Rusian Jews to emigrate to Israel was the central subject of yesterday's meeting of the Executive in Jerusalem. Mr. Yosef Klarman, the Herut representative on the Executive who had originally opposed the invitation, demanded that it now be cancelled in view of Dr. Goldmann's alleged remarks Sunday before the British Board of Deputies. After surveying several press versions of these remarks, each differing from the other, the other members of the executive decided to request a transcript before making a final decision. The Labour Party leadership was also said yesterday to be discussing cancellation of Dr. Goldmann's keynote speech.

Dr. Goldmann, president of the World Jewish Congress, had been invited to deliver the major address during a festive evening at the Congress. He was to give a historical review of the Zionist movement on the occasion of its 75th anniversary.

BETRAYAL

Reuter yesterday quoted Dr. Goldmann as saying in London that "it would be a betrayal to take the view that Jews in the Soviet Union should be released to go to Israel." Interviewed on the "Hayom Hazeh" radio programme last night by Israel Broadcasting's London correspondent, Dr. Goldmann denied making the remarks attributed to him.

Opposition to Dr. Goldmann's addressing the Zionist Congress had been raised in top Zionist circles even before his latest alleged remarks. At a meeting of the Presidium of the Zionist General Council several weeks ago, opposition was expressed not only by Herut members but also by Labour and General Zionist delegates and even Independent Liberal delegates who are normally close to Dr. Goldmann. It was in view of that opposition that the Zionist Executive, the top body of the World Zionist Organization, met yesterday. The report of Dr. Goldmann's latest remarks was an unexpected element in their deliberations. Some of the members are known to feel that the remarks, if true, could not have come at a worse possible moment, when immigration from the U.S.S.R. has reached unprecedented proportions.

The Executive issued a statement declaring that *aliya* from the Soviet Union was a remarkable phenomenon in which Soviet Jewry, cut off from their brethren abroad, are demanding fulfillment of the Zionist vision of an independent Jewish life in their homeland. In the Zionist movement's assisting of this *aliya*, there was no contradiction to the elementary demands for equal rights for the Jews in the Soviet Union itself, the statement went on.

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Forecast: Partly cloudy to cloudy, with local rain.
Weather synopsis: Shallow ridge covers the Central and East Mediterranean.

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Jerusalem	77	3—9	4—9
Golan	97	-4—3	-1—8
Nahariya	65	3—12	5—14
Safad	100	1—5	0—8
Haifa Port	69	9—12	8—13
Tiberias	72	3—12	5—15
Nazareth	83	3—9	4—11
Afula	68	0—11	3—12
Shomron	68	4—10	5—10
Tel Aviv	59	6—15	7—14
Lod Airport	53	3—15	5—14
Jericho	57	8—15	9—15
Gaza	—	7—	7—
Beersheba	61	2—13	5—14
Eilat	33	4—17	6—18
Tiran Straits	22	9—18	9—18

ARRIVALS

Mr. Avraham Dickenstein, president of Ampal-American Israel Corporation, for the gala meeting of the Board of Directors, called to celebrate the firm's 30th year of operations.

Mr. Mordechai Shifmann, Egged spokesman, from a three-week tour of Europe, where he visited bus companies (by El Al).

Prof. Ernst Kaiser, a Swiss expert on social security, for a 10-day visit, to lecture at the Hebrew and Tel Aviv Universities (by Swissair).

Barclays' merger now seen certain

By MOSHE ATER and DAVID LENNON
Jerusalem Post Economic Staff

The planned merger of Barclays Bank D.C.O. and the Discount Bank, which nearly foundered on the severance pay demands of the Barclays workers, now appears to be a virtual certainty. The owners of Barclays have made a new offer, which the staff committee is almost certain to accept at a meeting today.

The negotiations over the severance pay of the bank staff entered a new stage yesterday, with the management offering annual pensions, payable in sterling in London, instead of the lump cash payment in local currency which the staff had earlier rejected. The new offer will leave the recipients with a bigger net pay cheque.

Mr. Ezra Eliezer, a member of the staff committee, told *The Post* last night that the new offer is in fact similar to the pension arrangement which was in force for staffers till now. "If the Bank had continued its independent existence, we would eventually have received our pensions from London," he noted. The committee has agreed in principle to accept the offer, if all the details are found acceptable.

It is reliably learned that an announcement concerning the eventual fate of the Barclays-Discount merger will be published today.

Jerusalem building activity defended

"I invite the Archbishop of Canterbury to visit Jerusalem, so that he can see with his own eyes that the dynamic building activity there does not impair the special character of the city," the Religious Affairs Minister, Zerah Warhaftig, declared on Sunday.

He was speaking at the inauguration of the new Ihud Shavei Zion synagogue in Jerusalem. His remarks were a reply to the leader of the Anglican Church, Dr. Michael Ramsey, who said last Thursday that he was "distressed over an Israeli building programme which was disfiguring the city of Jerusalem."

Dr. Warhaftig added that, since the Six Day War, Israel has added much to the character and beauty of the holy places and cleaned them of the grime and filth of centuries. He cited a Unesco report that had been lavish in its praise for the work of the Ministry of Religious Affairs at the Western Wall. Much had also been done to restore and preserve the Christian holy places, and the Moslem community had built new premises for religious purposes.

Referring to the Archbishop's remarks and an article on Jerusalem in this week's "Time" magazine, Mayor Teddy Kollek said on a Galei Zahal radio broadcast yesterday: "If we follow the right policy in Jerusalem, the world will slowly come to the realization that Israel has every right to claim Jerusalem as its capital." Mr. Kollek added that such a policy requires much patience and the recognition of the full rights of the Arab population.

"As far as building is concerned," the Mayor said, "we have right to decide where and how to build. Sometimes we succeed in putting up attractive buildings, and sometimes we fail. But we are willing to learn from mistakes." *(Itim)*

Expect to sell 12 Aravas a month

ISRAEL PLANE EXPORTS SEEN SOARING IN '72

By ZEEV SCHUL
Jerusalem Post Aviation Reporter

LOD AIRPORT. — The Israel Aircraft Industries expect 36 orders for the Arava transport plane within the first three months of next year, I.A.I. President Al Schwimmer said yesterday. Speaking at a symposium for aviation reporters, Mr. Schwimmer said the orders should start coming in after the short-take-off-and-landing (STOL) plane receives its certificate of air worthiness from the U.S. Federal Aviation Authority, expected early in January.

The Arava's export prospects were only part of a very promising outlook reviewed by Mr. Schwimmer. The company's current projects include the Commodore executive jet aircraft, the Gabriel sea surface-to-surface missile, and the resale of a batch of jet airliners bought for reconditioning.

AIR FORCE ORDERS

The Israel Air Force has ordered a number of the military version of the Arava, which is more powerful and can carry a greater load than the civilian type. "We do not expect to be able to produce more than 17 of these aircraft during the next 12 months," Mr. Schwimmer said.

It is true that the company's current military and other commitments, as well as the crash of one of the Arava prototypes, have set the Arava programme back by one full year. But this does not mean that the plane is in any way outdated, and it is still ahead of the two principal competitors in its price category — the De Havilland Twin Otter and Short's Caravan — combining the best features of each of these aircraft in a single plane, Mr. Schwimmer noted. He was commenting on a press report that the firm was considering suspending the Arava programme for lack of sales prospects.

The Commodore Jet has already received its F.A.A. certification and will sell 12 planes during the coming year, if the company retains the 18 per cent share of the U.S. market held by the plane's predecessor — the Jet Commander.

ONE PER MONTH

The production rate of the Commodore Jet has now been set at one per month to match demand. The market in the U.S. for this type of executive aircraft, which sells at approximately $925,000, is now weak, but is expected to pick up.

I.A.I.'s most lucrative export item at present is the Gabriel missile, on sale to a select number of government-approved customers. It remains the only operational missile of its kind in the western world, Mr. Schwimmer noted. The company has millions of dollars worth of export orders for the missile on its books during the current fiscal year, and expects to double this volume during the coming year.

Commenting on the purchase of 13 Boeing jets of the 707/100 type, phased out by TWA last year and bought by I.A.I. for $6m., including spares, Mr. Schwimmer said he was confident that the reconditioning of the planes would be very good business for the company. The deal was termed in aviation circles as "the purchase of the year," he said. Two of the planes had already been opted for by a European company, and a contract for their reconditioning and delivery would be signed early in January.

Mr. Schwimmer noted that I.A.I. had actually made a net profit of IL5m. last year, after paying all taxes and IL16m. interest on loans. The shortage of working capital had made serious inroads into the company's profits, despite a recent increase in paid up capital from IL70m. to IL90m.

The company expected to make an IL7m.-IL8m. profit during the coming fiscal year, he said.

NABLUS

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sentatives as mayors in towns which fail to elect their own councils.

Meanwhile, Hebron Mayor Sheikh Mohammed Ali Ja'abari, whose home town is among those where elections are to be held not later than May 30, yesterday said that he plans to convene a meeting of district notables and city fathers to decide on the election issue.

Sheikh Ja'abari expressed the fear that Jordan's opposition to West Bank elections may lead to complete separation between the West and the East Banks. He said that the Jordanians may seek to exert pressure by blocking the movement of West Bank residents who, he said, are confronted on the other hand by the threat of an Israeli municipal takeover if they fail to hold elections.

TODAY'S POSTBAG

THE OBSERVATION ROOF and the parking lots at Lod Airport will be taken over by the Airport management as from next April 1 from the private contractors who have been operating them.

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AN ULPAN for Hebrew language and culture for Samaritans was reopened last week in the Samaritan quarter of Nablus. The ulpan has two classes for adults and four for children, and is under the supervision of the Ministry of Religious Affairs and the Military Government.

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AIR RAID sirens will be tested tomorrow afternoon in the *Haifa* area.

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THE CEILING on travel expenses students may deduct for income tax purposes has been raised from IL35 a month to IL42, or a total of IL420 a year. The concession was made in view of the increased cost of transportation.

Telex, cable staff to strike today

Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

The telegram and telex staff of the Communications Ministry decided yesterday that they will stage a series of warning strikes, starting this evening, to back their demands for grade advancements.

As a result, there will be no telegram service between 9 p.m. today and 7 a.m. Wednesday. The telex service will also be suspended; but, as most telex messages are sent directly from subscriber to subscriber, there will be little disruption to the public.

If this step brings no result, the workers report that they will suspend their services from Friday afternoon until Sunday morning. This could prove a considerable inconvenience for those wishing to send Christmas messages abroad.

The workers are demanding that the Civil Service Commission honour the undertaking of the Ministry of Communications regarding grade advancement. The issue has been under discussion between the Commission and the Histadrut; but the workers refused to agree to the establishment of a parity committee, insisting that the original undertaking be honoured.

The spokesman of the Ministry said that the staff had not notified *the management of their intent to* strike, but had gone directly to the press. The management hopes that the workers will avoid inconvenencing the public, he continued, and calls on the workers to refrain from taking this step.

Meir visits repatriated airman

Prime Minister Golda Meir on Sunday visited pilot Eyal Ahikar, who was released from Egyptian captivity last week, in hospital. The Chief of Staff, Rav-Aluf Haim Bar-Lev, and the O/C Air Force, Aluf Mordechai Hod, were present during her visit.

Comptroller asked to probe Vered losses

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Knesset Finance Committee yesterday decided to ask the State Comptroller to examine the transactions of Vered — the overseas water resources development company — which has suffered multi-million-dollar losses. It asked the State Comptroller to present his findings within a "reasonable time."

The Committee also recommended that, in future, every overseas project be studied by a Government-appointed committee of experts.

(Vered is a subsidiary of Mekorot, a joint Histadrut-Government-Jewish Agency company.)

The Finance Committee found that "Vered's considerable losses resulted from expansion, initiative disproportionate to the professional manpower and funds available to the company, unrealistic and erroneous estimates regarding ability to carry out work programmes within the framework of contracts... and political difficulties."

It took note of a statement by Agriculture Minister Haim Gvati that Vered was continuing with work it had undertaken, but was *no longer taking on new projects.*

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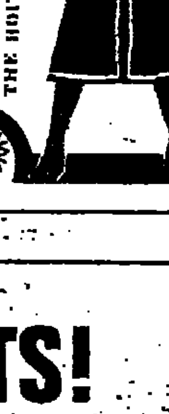

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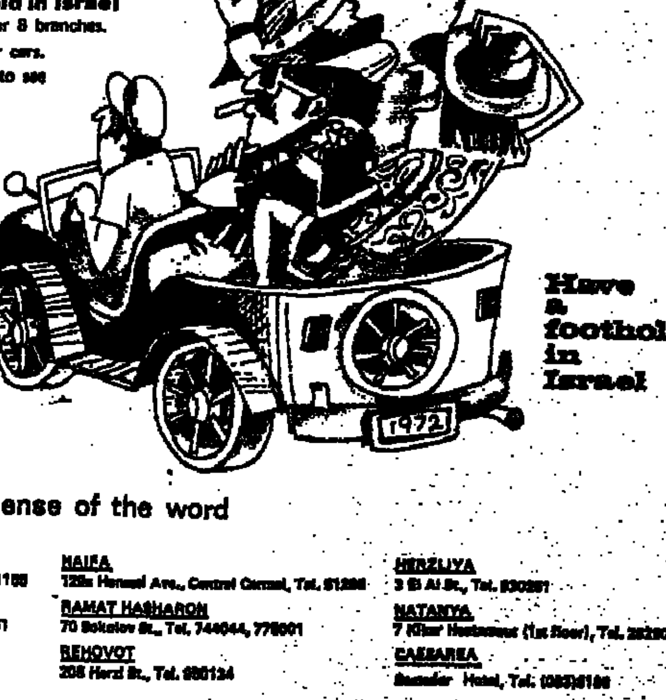

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